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NATIONALISTS FACED BY NEW RED THREAT

Southward Thrust Only 40 Miles From Nanking ARMY GROUP ENCIRCLED

Shanghai, December 2.

Nationalist forces are moving Northward from the North bank of the Yangtse to meet the newest Red thrust Southward represented by strong Communist units somewhere near Changping, only 40 miles North of Nanking.

Pro-Government reports admitted that small bands of Communists were active in that area but claimed that strong Government forces were striking Northward from the Yangtse to contact the Reds at Kolsien and Changping.

Anglo-Siamese Defensive Alliance?

Bangkok, December 2.
An Anglo-Siamese defensive alliance was forecast by Siamese political observers today as the outcome of the talks between Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, British Commissioner-General in South East Asia, and Field Marshal Pibul Songgram, Siamese Prime Minister, this week.

The observers considered the talks indicated a step towards making Siam a stronghold against further Communist moves in South East Asia.

It was stressed that the real trouble spot was not the Siam-Malay frontier, but across Siam's North and North Eastern borders, the strengthening of which depended not only on military aid but also on speedy reconstruction of road and rail transport.—Reuter.

Tentative Agreement On Coast

San Francisco, December 2.
Members of the unaffiliated Marine Firemen's Union will vote today on the terms of a wage agreement which would end their 91-day-old strike.

Vincent J. Nuccio, Union President, announced that a tentative agreement had been reached with the Pacific American shipowners. The sole question remaining is whether the firemen will accept a \$2 a month wage increase or will hold out for their original demands of \$21.50.

With the firemen coming to terms, only the G.I. marine cooks and radio operators remain on strike in the three-month-old West coast port tie-up.

The cooks and shipowners are reported to be near a settlement but the radio operators and shipowners are still far apart on wage demands.—Associated Press.

Tojo Gives World Last Message

Tokyo, December 2.

Behind locked doors in Sugamo prison cell, Tojo in the presence of two American Army officers, gave his last message to the world to his Buddhist priest, Nobukatsu Hanayama.

Tojo pleaded the cause of peace and emphasized the futility of war to the priest, who took down Tojo's message during a one-hour interview.

Hanayama, who gave only a very brief outline of Tojo's message, said that he would release it immediately after the execution.

"Tojo is now a completely changed man," the slender Buddhist priest said when interviewed in his small farm-house-like home on the outskirts of Tokyo.

Tojo embraced the Buddhist faith six months ago, he has lost his belief in war, he has lost his belief in Buddhism, he said.—Reuter.

With knowledge of the sufferings the war caused the peoples of the world, he convinced him that there are other and better means of solving world problems.

Tojo said that he was anxious Hanayama tell the world the real reason for his suicide attempt immediately after the surrender.

"I have promised Tojo to keep his secret until he is dead. It will explain many things."

The priest, who formerly visited Sugamo prison twice weekly, is now going daily, sometimes staying overnight.

"I want to make sure that Tojo and the other condemned men die with a firm belief in Buddhism," he said.—Reuter.

Semi-official reports said that the most critical position for the Nationalists appeared to be still East and North of Pengpu, where the Communists under one-eyed Liu Po-cheng had mounted a new attack along the Hwai River front.

The Nationalists were described as having taken up positions along 30 miles of the North bank of the Hwai River.

Chinese Air Force bombers and fighters were said in pro-Government reports to be getting in strong blows against Liu Po-cheng's forces.

Contrary to his ordinary battle tactics, Liu is keeping his units together in compact array. His usual tactics call for widely scattered positions. Liu's successes from the start of the civil war have been due to his hit-and-run tactics and high mobility.

Further North, at a point about 10 miles South of Suhsien, other Communist units under Chen Yi were said to have moved and to be on the move Southward to join with Liu Po-cheng's men in the assault on Pengpu.

North of Suhsien, the Nationalists under General Chiu Ching-chung were said in semi-official reports to be fighting Southward toward the Red-held city, but it is admitted that no great progress is being made.

Desperate Battle

The encircled 12th Army group under General Huang Wei South East of Suhsien which is encircled by other corps under Liu Po-cheng's command, was said to be battling desperately in an effort to break out of the trap.

Reports admitted, however, that General Huang has not made much progress either. Huang's men were encircled when they struck out from Hankow far to the South West in an attempt to reinforce the Nationalists at Suhsien, Suhsien and Pengpu.

The situation South of Hsuehchow, where elements of the three Nationalist Army groups holding Hsuehchow have been held up in their advance down the Tientsin-Peking railroad at a point 25 miles South of the city, is unchanged.

Southern advance from Hsuehchow by units of the 10th, 15th and Second Army groups in the face of delaying action by three Red columns, has been interrupted, despite official denials, as preliminary to Government evacuation of Hsuehchow.

The first official indication that this is the case came this afternoon by the statement of the military spokesman that as the battle of Hsuehchow has drawn to an end, the city has lost its strategic importance, especially when all Government units in that area have been concentrated for a Southward advance.

Kupeikow Goes

The Government spokesman claimed that the great Hsuehchow campaign has come to a 'favourable conclusion' for the Government, with over 200,000 casualties sustained by the Communists and about 70,000 casualties suffered by the Government forces.

This latter figure compares with the disclosure of 92,000 Government casualties for the same campaign made to correspondents last week in Hsuehchow by an official spokesman of the supreme field headquarters for that region.

Meanwhile, continuing his planned withdrawal to build up a well-knit and easily defensible area, General Fu Tsi-yi has abandoned the Great Wall pass of Kupeikow, 80 miles North East of Peiping.

The Communist General Nieh Yung-cheng has thrown three armies, totalling 60,000 men, into the attack on Kupeikow, which is shaking to the ground as the Communists attempt to batter down the Government defences about ten miles from the caravan hub.

A Communist frontal assault on Tangshan, coal mining centre East of Peiping and North East of Tientsin, was said to have been repulsed.

In the area between Peiping and Tangshan, General Fu ordered the Nationalists to move out from the North East Hebei province towns of Luanghsien and Yutien.

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30 Miles From Peiping

These forces were reported to have withdrawn closer to Peiping to meet the reported Communist threat in the area 30 to 50 miles East of Peiping.

Semi-official despatches described the Reds attacking Tangshan as being composed of several columns of veteran Manchurian campaigners under General Lin Piao who landed on the East coast across the Bay of Chihli.

There was no confirmation of rumours that Lin Piao is moving the Reds into North East and Eastern Shantung by sea routes.

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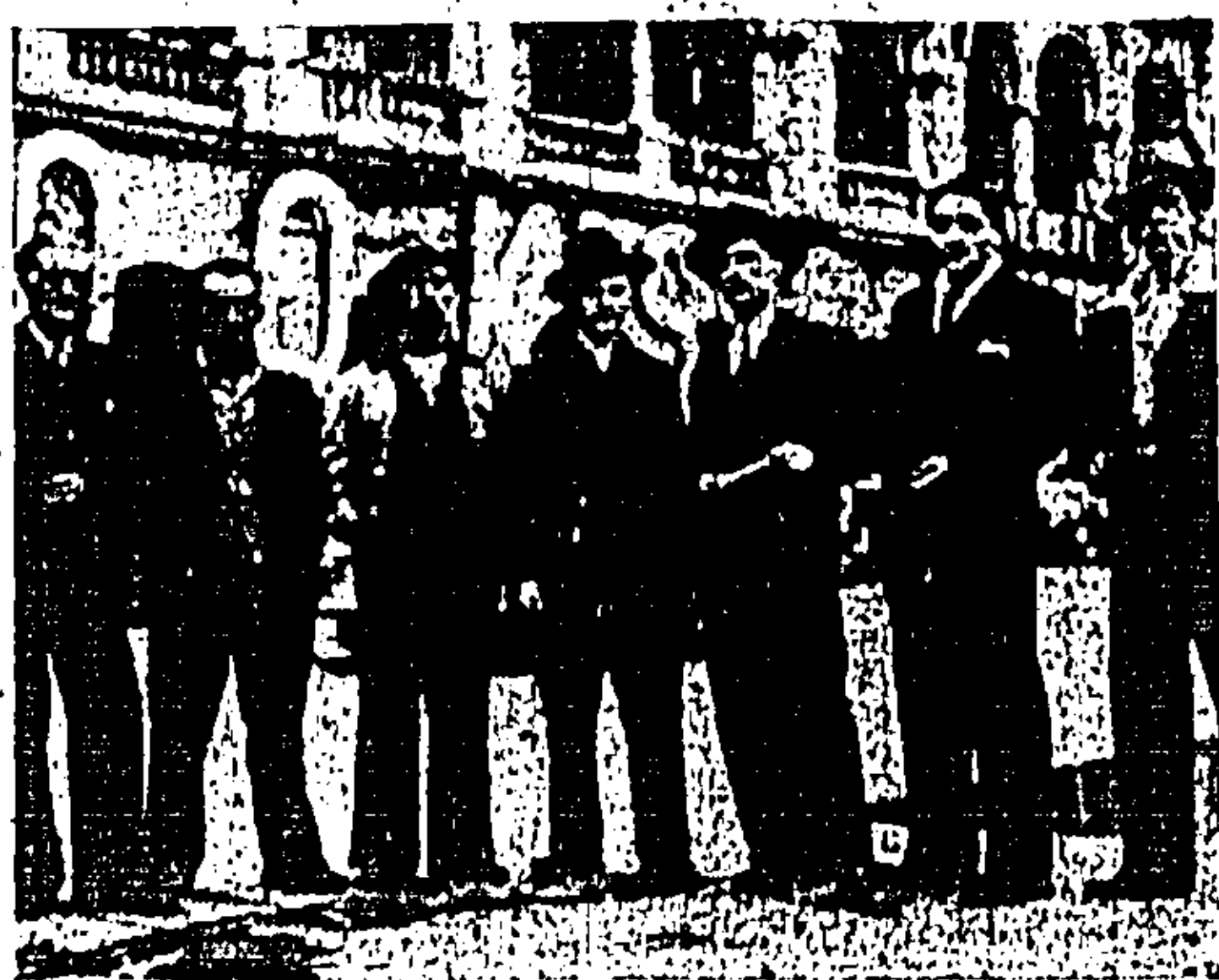
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The seven European seamen from the Panamanian freighter Mando, who are demanding more food and better pay and working conditions aboard the vessel. Second from right is Capriotti Gastone, veteran cook, who is being repatriated to Venice after being discharged by the master at Saigon.—('China Mail' Photo).

Labour Troubles Delay Sailing Of Panamanian Ship

Labour troubles delayed the departure of the Panamanian freighter Mando for Port Campha yesterday when six European members of the crew demanded more food and better pay and working conditions.

Several meetings between the master, Mr. Eulalio L. Carrera (Panamanian Consul General), Colonel J. E. Briceno (Panamanian Minister to China) and the seamen during the past three days failed to settle the matter.

The Mando is being held up by the Panamanian Consul General, pending settlement of the trouble.

The six men—two Irish seamen, an Italian stoker, a Dutch stoker, a Spanish carpenter and a Spanish waiter—will see Mr. Carrera at 10 a.m. today when they will suggest new conditions of work. Capriotti Gastone, chief cook, who was discharged, is making arrangements for his repatriation to Venice by plane.

Mr. Carrera told the 'China Mail' yesterday that the men approached him on their arrival here recently regarding food, pay and working conditions aboard the Mando.

"The 34-man crew of the vessel are mostly refugees who were willing to take a chance to leave Europe," he declared. "They just signed on without studying the details of the contract, which they now regard as not valid."

The contract, however, was found to be legal in law, Mr. Carrera said, after a brief meeting with the master and Mr. D. L. Strettleit yesterday afternoon at the Consulate.

"The men were foolish to sign on without knowing the conditions," he stated.

The men complained that they were not given sufficient food en route and that their pay was very low.

Mr. Carrera said that three of the men had not signed and they could leave the ship if they wanted to. The Italian chief cook was discharged at Saigon by the master, he would be repatriated. The remaining men would have to abide by the contract.

"I would like to take this opportunity to advise seamen working aboard Panamanian vessels to approach the Consulate when they are in trouble and not to inconvenience other local authorities unnecessarily," the Consul told the 'China Mail'.

"Every assistance possible will be given," he added.

The seven men, including the Italian chief cook, Gastone, who said he had been at sea for about 16 years, told the 'China Mail' that they were given a very bad diet en route from Antwerp to Port Said thence to Hong Kong.

Petition To Master

"At Port Said 10 of us petitioned the master for more food, better pay, and decent working conditions," young Mike Howlin, hailing from Ireland, and who joined the vessel at Liverpool last year, said. There the Panamanian Consul inspected the ship and after a conference with the master, the chief cook was given authority to supervise the rationing for the crew, Howlin declared.

The master, he stated, agreed in the presence of the Consul and crew that he would give them what they wanted.

For one week after they left Port Said, Howlin said, they were given decent food, and everything went on smoothly.

The rest started again when they were at sea for about 10 days. The cook was divested of his power. Food got less and less. When they got chicken,

twice a week, he alleged, the whole crew had to share five chickens. Sometimes, he claimed, they were given stale mutton.

Each man was given five or six potato chips and a small piece of meat, Gastone stated. They did not get any vegetables for a long time during the trip.

"We could not get a second helping at mealtimes," the chief claimed. "Most of us had to leave the table hungry."

NORTH CHINA EVACUEES SAIL FOR HONG KONG

Tientsin, December 2.

A total of 141 foreign residents in North China were evacuated here today amid a rousing send-off from relatives and friends who had decided to stick it out.

Ranging from babes in arms to septuagenarians, they sailed in a special launch for Taku Bar, where the Jardine steamer Wing Sang will take them to Hong Kong.

The sun smiled and the wintry winds abated sympathetically as Tientsin residents gathered from early morning for Wing Sang Evacuation Day at Jardine's premises.

Here Customs, gendarmarie, city police, river police, quarantine, census and representatives of other Chinese organisations, less easily identifiable, took part in the processing of passengers.

This contrasted sharply with the recent evacuations effected aboard an American naval craft when such extensive formalities were waived.

The majority of the passengers were Britons, with about 30 per cent other nationalities, including American, French, Belgian, Chinese, Indian, Danish and Polish.

Frams And Baths

Although the evacuees were warned that only hand luggage was permitted, aboard the launch—created belongings had been sent ahead—there were trunks and crates, and suitcases and boxes brought in a last minute rush.

The result was that passengers and luggage were packed tight in the tiny launch amidst frams and baby bath-tubs.

Consular officials were among the tremendous crowd of friends and relatives who came to the quayside to wave the evacuees farewell.

As the casting off time neared, half a dozen Indians came rushing in with bulky luggage. But when the gang-plank was removed and fastened, one Indian discovered that his possessions were not aboard.

Perspiring and frantic, he scrambled ashore, dressed in a Chinese padded jacket. He dashed away but promptly retracted his steps remembering that a comrade aboard had his passport.

Spirits High

There was excited shouting and searching amidst some half a dozen passports until the right one was found and passed ashore.

Then the Indian disappeared in search of his belongings but when he found them, the launch had cast off to three cheers from the crowd ashore and a hearty response from those aboard.

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The Princess

London, December 2.
Princess Elizabeth has made continuous and satisfactory progress since the birth of her son on November 14, an official bulletin said today.

"She is now getting up for several hours each day," it added. "The infant Prince is doing well and has made a steady gain in weight. No further bulletin will be issued."

The Princess has not been out of the Palace building because of the weather, a Court correspondent reported. No arrangements have as yet been announced for the christening of the infant Prince.—Reuter.

MADAME SUN FO RUMOUR

Shanghai, December 2.
A spokesman for the Premier, Dr. Sun Fo, today denied a Hong Kong report that Madame Sun Fo had gone to Hong Kong.

The spokesman said Madame Sun Fo is staying in the hospital where her husband is receiving treatment for a foot ailment and has no intention of leaving.—Reuter.

Fighting Raging In South Korea

Seoul, December 2.

Fierce battles again have broken out between South Korean forces and Communist raiders from North Korea around the vital Yungwol power plant.

The Yungwol plant was unsuccessfully attacked by an estimated 1,000 raiders last week. The plant supplies nearly half the electricity used in South Korea. It is 140 miles South East of Seoul and 50 miles South of the North Korean border.

The North Korea People's Army and South Korean police and soldiers are engaged in battle at Yungwol. Koosen and Yunglu, lying in an arc about 20 miles South of the power plant.

Traffic to and from the town of Yungwol had been completely cut and telephone communications suspended for the past two days.

The insurgents have cut the domestic and undersea cable lines at four widely separated points in South Korea.

Seoul police detectives raided the headquarters of the leftist labour union today but made no arrests.

Two Seoul newspapers were suspended by the Government under the newspaper law adopted during the Japanese regime.

The Democratic Daily was formerly recognised as a leftist organ. The Korean Daily criticised National Assemblymen for having passed the law calling for

punishment of collaborators with Japanese.

Outbreaks of Communist violence and police drives against suspected Communists were reported from many South Korean towns.—United Press.

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With the China situation deteriorating daily, the chances of house-starved Hong Kong residents securing proper and suitable dwelling accommodation are rapidly diminishing. Continued influx of well-to-do evacuees from Chinese cities is indirectly nullifying the house-requisitioning power vested in the Competent (Quartermaster) Authority.

Premises vacant for months before the recent worsening of the China situation, have been practically all occupied by or booked for evacuees. Newly-built apartments for which exorbitant rentals and "key money" are demanded are also being taken up by evacuees. In addition, premises which will not be completed for three or six months are also being booked by agents or relatives sent down from Shanghai and Nanking by people unable to leave the Chinese cities at present owing to pressure of outfit or lack of passage to the Colony.

In a tour made by the "China Mail" reporters, several small parties of non-Cantonese speaking men were observed hunting for premises in districts where new buildings are being constructed.

No Deferment

The high rentals and accompanying "construction fees" are apparently no deterrent, as in one instance an incomplete building, containing eight apartments, was completely booked within 12 hours after being inspected by one

of these groups of house hunters from the North. The building, according to the contractors, will not be ready for accommodation until three months later. Every day, similar groups of men, either on behalf of themselves or acting as agents, haunt districts where new buildings are going up.

From one reliable source, the "China Mail" learned yesterday that the Chinese firm, Hui, had paid more than HK\$300,000 in rent deposits and "key money" for premises to accommodate relatives and friends who have not yet arrived in the Colony. The demand for housing by the evacuees has sent rents and "key money" to new heights. One Hong Kong resident, who has lived in the Colony for more than 15 years, told the "China Mail" yesterday that three weeks ago he went to a new block of apartments in the vicinity of Prince Edward Road, Nathan Road and Boundary Street. The rent for a four room flat was then HK\$200 and "key money" HK\$2,500.

A week later when he decided to rent one of the flats, the rent had jumped to HK\$300 and the "key money" to HK\$4,000. Last week, the rent had increased further to HK\$350 a month and "key money" to HK\$6,000. Yesterday the block was fully taken up. Similar disclosures were made by other house-hunting residents of Hong Kong who are compelled to live in overcrowded conditions because of their refusal to pay "key money".

Prince Axel Entertained

About 300 people attended a cocktail party at the Hong Kong Hotel last night in honour of Prince Axel of Denmark who is paying a short visit to the Colony.

Prince Axel, who is Chairman of the East Asiatic Company, will leave here on Sunday to continue his tour of some of the 32 offices of his company.

Guests at the party were met by Prince Axel, Mrs. Jorgensen and Mr. Jorgensen who is acting manager of the company. Mr. H. Christiansen, managing director, and Mr. M. Pugh, manager of the Hong Kong branch.

At Happy Valley, three-quarters of one eight-apartment building which has been vacant for a considerable period because of the high rent, is today still vacant but fully booked up for evacuees preparing to flee to Hong Kong from Shanghai.

Along King's Road, several new buildings are also still vacant but awaiting occupants from the North for whom the premises have been booked.

In other parts of the Colony identical situations exist today. Apartment brokers in the Colony have been reaping small fortunes since the influx of evacuees.

For a 10 per cent commission they find premises for people new to the Colony or who are too lazy to search for houses themselves.

One unconfirmed report said that a number of these brokers has organised a syndicate which "buys" up whole blocks of completed or uncompleted flats with rent deposits and "key money" and rents out the flats to individuals from the North for higher rentals and more "key money".

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H.K. Chinese Medical Association Social Evening, Luk Kwok Hotel, 7.30 p.m.

Exhibition of Paintings by Mr. M. G. Wong, Hotel Cecil, Chater Rd., 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Reception for Bishop, Hall, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 4 p.m.

H.K. Light Orchestra rehearsal, 27B, Robinson Road, 6 p.m.

St. Patrick's Society of Hong Kong, annual general meeting, Jacobson Room, H.K. Hotel, 5.30 p.m.

Play "Mr. Faint Heart" at European YMCA, West Lounge, 8.45 p.m.

Shanghai Fading Rubber Estate, Ltd., annual general meeting, 601-603, Marina House, 12 noon.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

Diocesan Girls' School Bazaar formal opening, by Mrs. Matthews, 2.15 p.m.

Exhibition of paintings by Mr. M. G. Wong, Hotel Cecil, Chater Rd., 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Ex-Gunners Roll of Hong Kong, St. Barbara's Day, Cocktail Party 6.30 to 8 p.m.

H.M. Dockyard Recreation Club Supper Dance, China Fleet Club.

SUNDAY

H.K. Art Club Sketching Party, in New Territories, assemble at Kowloon Star Ferry, 10.30 a.m.

Exhibition of paintings by Mr. M. G. Wong, Hotel Cecil, Room 10, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Classical Concert, The H. Club, Talbot House, 50 Macdonnell Road, 8.45 p.m.

Musical Recital by James Huang and C. K. Wong, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 9 p.m.

St. John Ambulance Parade, Field Day Manoeuvres, at Shatin, 12 noon.

Allocations Of Seized Premises

Most of the vacant premises seized by the Government have already been allocated to 15 families, but their names will not be disclosed until all allocations are completed.

Three of the 36 premises were de-requisitioned following successful appeals by the landlords.

The secretary of the Requisitioned Properties and Allocation Committee, Mr. T. S. Whitley, said yesterday that names should be announced soon. Although applications closed on November 9, some are still being received.

In some premises, the new tenants would have to install lighting and arrange for a water supply as well as erect partitions. Rents, which would be reasonable, had not yet been fixed.

Under the terms of their agreement, the tenants would be evicted if they attempted to sub-let part of their room.

Mr. Whitley said the largest family was one of 12, followed by one of 11 and many of eight and nine.

In one case, a family of nine now living in an area of about 100 square feet, would now be moved into a room with an area of 250 square feet.

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The marriage of Miss Evelyn Jennifer Li and Mr. Kenneth Kuo-chao Lu took place at St. John's Cathedral yesterday afternoon.

The Rev. George She officiated. Wearing a French satin gown with silver trimming round the neckline and a long full veil held by a coronet of beads, the bride was given away by her grandfather, Mr. Li Shu-ping. Her maid of honour, Miss Alice Lu, who is a sister of the bridegroom, wore a pink tulle frock with silver trimmings. Miss Eva Lu, in blue tulle and Miss Edith Lu, in mauve tulle, were bridesmaids. The bride was also attended by two cousins, Miss Ababel Li as flower girl and Master Tse Pak-kun as pageboy.

A brother of the bridegroom, Mr. Kuo-wah Lu, was best man. At the reception at the Kam Ling restaurant, the bride wore a Chinese pink and silver evening gown. She is in her third year at the Hong Kong University studying Arts and is chairman of the Arts Association. The bridegroom studied at Oregon State College, U.S.A.

A Lucrative Racket Comes To End

The vigilance of Detectives Yuen Kong and Muk Tsai put an abrupt end to a most lucrative trade which earned for three unemployed Chinese from Canton a total of \$433 in three days.

Tong Bun, aged 32, Tong Ngai-chor, aged 37, and Wong Tak-luen, aged 30, traded on the gullibility and inherent greed of some women with such success that they obtained 10 real gold rings in exchange for 10 imitation gold bangles during the short time they were in the Colony.

These rings are now in the hands of the police, awaiting claimants, but will be confiscated if none of those women who have been victimised in Hong Kong and Kowloon puts in a claim within two weeks.

Wong Tak-luen, charged before Mr. W. H. Lathin at Kowloon yesterday with unlawful possession of the 10 rings, was sentenced to three months' hard labour. His two confederates, on the charge of larceny by trick, were sent down for six months. All were recommended to be banished.

Before passing sentence, the magistrate said, "These accused is the man who had all the money and he only goes to prison for three months. The other two boys must go in for six months."

Dropped Paper
Sub-Inspector J. H. Evans said that at 12.05 p.m. on November 21, a woman was walking along Prince Edward Road, with the first and second defendants in front. Tong Bun dropped a paper packet which was opened by Tong Ngai-chor just as the woman was passing him.

The packet was found to contain a "gold" bangle. Second accused told the woman not to say anything about it, and he would share the proceeds with her. The first defendant repeated his steps, and asked the second accused whether he had picked up anything.

Tong Ngai-chor replied in the affirmative, and said that Tong Bun had to pay some tea-money before he could get the return of the gold bangle. The second man suggested that the woman should take the bangle to be melted down, but Tong Bun said, "You both are strangers and I must ask you two to hand something as security before taking the bangle to melt."

Second accused took a genuine gold ring from his finger and handed it to the first defendant. The woman said that she had nothing, but on being asked to search her pockets she produced \$15 and a gold ring. These she handed to the first defendant.

Suspicious Man
Detectives Yuen and Muk, passing by on a bus, saw the three persons standing on the pavement. As they were behaving in a somewhat suspicious manner the detectives got off the bus and went up to them. The woman told her story.

In the police station, the gold rings were found in the pockets of first defendant's jacket. Questioned, they furnished the detectives with information which led them to Room 404, New Palace Hotel, Wooning Street.

There they found the third accused, and 20 "gold" bangles contained in two cigarette tins. When searched, two gold rings were found inside the third man's

clothing, with another eight hidden inside a pair of stockings in a leather suitcase.

The third defendant, admitted to the police that all the 10 rings were obtained by means of the same trick from women in Hong Kong and Kowloon during the three days they were in the Colony.

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G. H. THOMAS, Ag. Director of Medical Services.

December 1, 1948.

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DENIS G. SHERRIFF.

HON. SECRETARY.

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Firearms For The Fow!

Sir,—Since history began it has been the hallmark of democratic republics and empires that the free citizens of those nations have the right to bear arms. Wherever tyranny and unjust government has reared its ugly head the practice has been severely frowned on and very naturally, too!

Nobody in power who has reason to fear popular wrath likes the thought of arms in the hands of the civil populace, and conversely a just ruler welcomes the fact that his subjects shall possess and be proficient in the use of weapons upon which his own security and the security of the state may at some time depend when evil influences menace.

In free America, so important was this matter thought that it was actually written into the Constitution of the United States for all remembered that it was only the muskets in the hands of determined citizens which withstood the arbitrary methods of the "robustocrats" and liberated the nation in the beginning from taxation without representation.

The right to bear arms does not of course imply that all and sundry shall strut about armed to the teeth with lethal hardware of which no stock has been taken. That would make the ordinary keeping of law and order almost impossible, and would be anathema to any police, and combating crime.

But it does imply that any citizen of normal good standing shall, if he so desires be allowed to possess and carry a properly

licensed weapon either for sport or for his own and his family's protection. This should hold good in any country, no matter how law-abiding, but when the citizen dwells in parts of the nation where lawless characters abound, where peril to his person is a constant threat, and where at any time at the very shortest notice grave civil disturbances or hostile attacks may occur, to prohibit virtually all private possession of arms is folly of an unparalleled nature.

Here in Hong Kong where even the quiet stroller in our hills may be brutally assaulted and done to death, where all the accumulated evils of the East are concentrated, such times as they have been caught and banished at least once, it seems an extraordinary matter that even native-born Britons have the greatest difficulty in obtaining personal firearms.

Though the same individuals may have borne arms for years in the service of their country, and even held His Majesty's commissions they are denied the right locally to do so, although doubtless if things get so tough in the coming year that the security of the worthy colonists who appear to run the Colony is seriously menaced, a move will be made to arm Britons.

Watchmen and Chinese youngsters in police uniform which of course make them look like high-class desirable types imbued with the most modern death-dealing instruments (even if they do not speak English) alone seem to enjoy what should be the right of every citizen of the Empire, who still retains his civic rights. Yet I seem to remember that the Japanese recruited their mital and stooges during the occupation very largely from just these types, and just what evidence there is of their loyalty, capability, or judgment which lifts them into a class far above that of the native born Briton of the United Kingdom or the Dominions, I am at a loss to perceive. Perhaps their hidden virtue shines in their blessed eye, and impeccable police security files hold all about each of them from the cradle up.

Well, next time danger threatens I shall be among those who cheer our Indian watchmen and Chinese constables as they march forth to meet the foe—regretting of course that years of being without firearms and consequent complete lack of even elementary practice make it quite impossible for me to participate in any such unpleasant pastime. And I am sure Government will agree with my point of view. If allowed to place reliance in war on those who cannot be trusted even in the days of peace!

CIVIC ROMANUS NON SUM.

Boy Scouts

Sir,—May I through the medium of your esteemed paper discuss a point of interest to Hong Kongites.

On November 12, the "Telegraph" acknowledged a total sum of HK\$572 for a so-called "Boy Scouts' Jamboree Fund." The Scouts like all other youth organizations are invaluable as an element in making a nation great. Their reputation as perfect citizens and as sturdy pioneers is well known to all European countries. In this twisted world of corruption, dishonesty, hatred, and hard spoken words, the Scouts fight unceasingly against this rising storm which threatens the world with another World War. At this jamboree which will be held in Australia round about the end of December, Scouts of all nationalities, creeds, —isms and classes come harmoniously together. With none of this jamboree and with more countries taking part in it, World Peace is inevitable but what can Hong Kong do towards this encouragement of international ties with only HK\$572?

The Hong Kong Branch of the Boy Scouts Association is doing its very best to spread its doctrine of brotherhood among the Hong Kong Scouts by doing a good deed for them. It is a contingent of them to the jamboree where they will meet Scouts from the four corners of the World. This cannot be done unless an international Bureau or other give a generous donation of say HK\$10,000. If there is no such bureau twenty firms or kind souls can make up the difference by giving HK\$500 each.

On the other hand many firms will grant the chance to use the Scouts as publicity agents in Australia that is if they can and I ask why not? Do you want more passengers? Well let the scouts ride free or at half-price on your plane. Show the public that money means very little to you and it is business that you want. Do you want sympathetic and simple news? Have a scout to do the reporting for you which means that you must make it your business to see that the Scouts arrive in Australia. "Radio Hong Kong" entertains us with music, news and stories but what about a item of fact and sentiment. With the aid of a wire recorder listeners of "Radio Hong Kong" can be given a programme beginning with "Hello Mom, this Scout speaking to you, all the way from Australia." Do you want customers to crowd your show-window? Yes, then have the rights to print photos of Hkg. Scouts in Australia. Do the Australians know about your products? No, well have three Scouts to introduce them in Australia.

Hongkongites should regret that they missed the publicity which could be got if they had sponsored a group of Scouts to the Jamboree which was held in France. They must not miss this opportunity for a Camper or a Jamboree takes place only once in every four years.

A POOR SCOUT.

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"The scurviest political trick of the decade—the opposition planted a baby with whooping cough in the senator's path!"

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

TRUMP LEAD NIPS RUFFS
WHEN the dummy has only two or three trumps and they get used up on leads of the suit, they naturally can not take additional tricks by ruffing. That is the obvious principle underlying the purpose of trump leads by the defence. Of course, if the dummy has so many trumps that taking out one or two leaves plenty there, you have no motive for the play. Also, if there is an established suit in the dummy which can be used for discarding of all ruffable losers again it avails you nothing. Judgment is needed to decide whether the play should be tried.

S Q 7
H A 9 7 5 2
D K
C A K J 6 5
S 10 9 8 6
H Q J 8 4
D 10 8 7 3
C 10 8 7 3
S A K J 5 2
H 10
D J 9 5 4 2
C 10 8 7 3

(Dealer: East. Both sides vulnerable.)
Pass South West North
Pass Pass Pass 1 H
Pass 1 S Pass 2 C
Pass 2 D Pass 3 C
Pass 3 D Pass 3 S
Pass 4 S

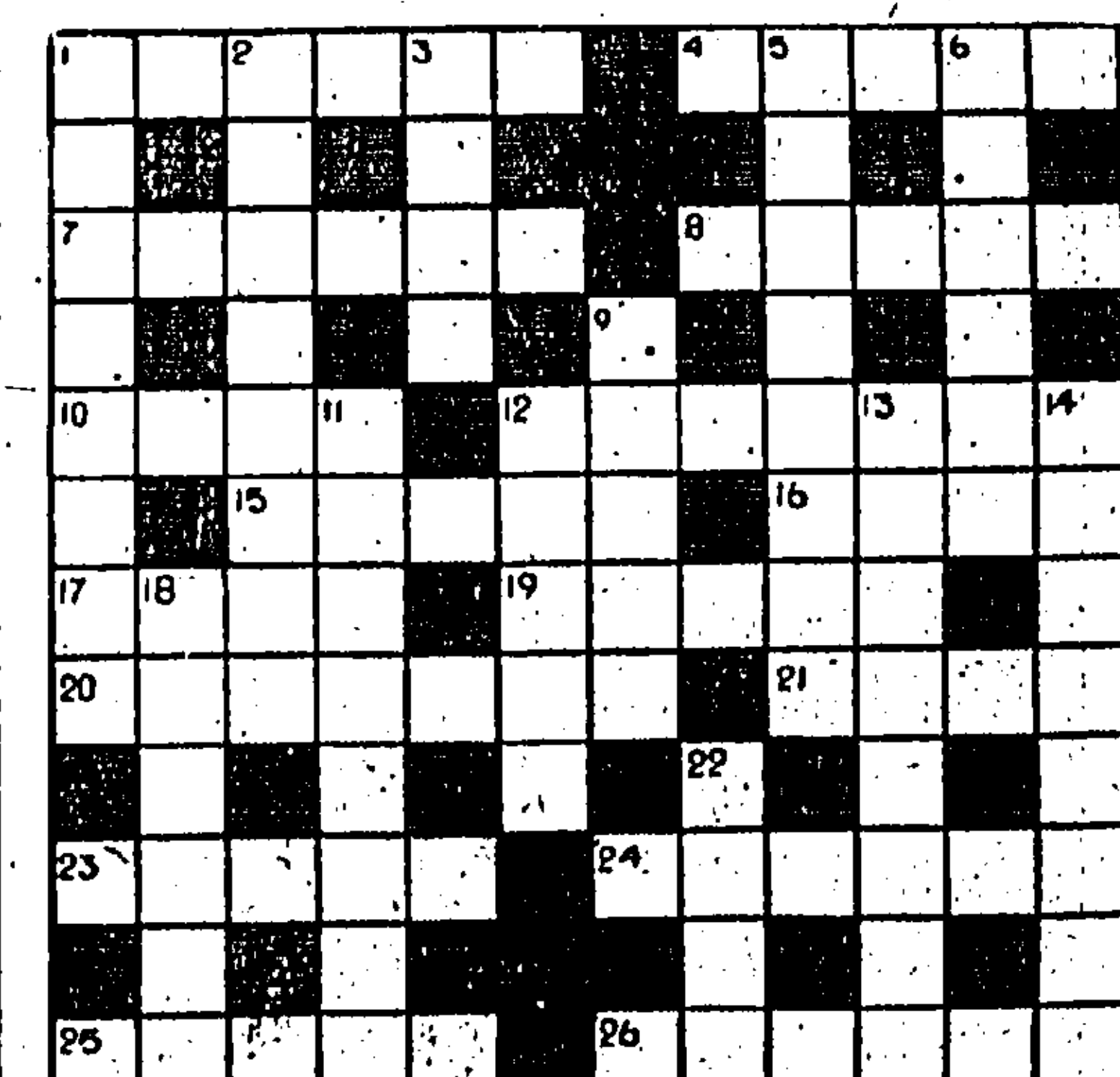
You never saw a deal on which the influence of trump leads was more clearcut than on this one, dealt in a national championship pair event. At one table, West led the heart Q to the A and the diamond K was given up to the A to prepare for a ruffing procedure.

East in that case saw the advisability of a trump lead, but decided first to cash his heart K. That of course was trumped by South, who then went back and forth between his own hand and trumping diamonds in dummy, therefore picked up two tricks by trumping diamonds in dummy, plus two ruffs of hearts in his own hand, three high trumps, the heart A and two club top to make ten all told.

At one table East set the contract, one by returning a trump on the third trick when in with the diamond A. That left the dummy just one trump for ruffing a diamond. At still another table a trump was led originally, then a second trump after the diamond A won. That took out both of the dummy's trumps, so that no diamonds were ruffed and the declarer was therefore beaten two tricks. So one trump lead destroyed one ruff and two trump leads destroyed two ruffs—just as simply as that.

Tomorrow's Problem
S Q J 7
H 8 3
D 10 4
C A K 10 8 7 2
S K 10 8 4
H Q 6
D 7 6 5 2
C J 9 4
S 2
H A K 10 9 2
D A Q J 8 3
C 6 3
(Dealer: South. East-West vulnerable.)
What bidding should attain the most desirable contract on this tournament deal?

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

1 Bashful.
4 Common.
7 Metol.
8 Whelp.
10 Froth.
12 Coward.
15 Wanderer.
16 Genealogical diagram.

Down

1 Obvious.
2 Proclaimed.
3 Check.
5 Settler.
6 Aim high.
9 Merchandise.
11 Toned down.

Yesterday's Crossword

ACROSS—3 S'abbard, 8 Induce, 9 Advances, 11 Trustees, 12 Heir, 13 Besom, 16 Remit, 19 Room, 22 Disguise, 24 Graduate.

DOWN—1 Ditty, 2 Odour, 3 Scatter, 4 Cede, 5 Blas, 6 Archer, 7 Desert, 10 Venom, 14 Sepia, 15 Midgets, 16 Frigid, 17 Morags, 20 Vigil, 21 Revel, 22 Dull, 23 Slay.

POLONIUS



"Behind the arras I'll convey myself, To hear the process;—Ay, there's the point;—That I must not come in, yet I must see;—Since nature makes them partial, should I not?"

Stories Of The Stars In "Hamlet"

LAURENCE OLIVIER AS HAMLET. Star, producer and director of this film, Laurence Olivier is no newcomer to fame. Hollywood regarded him as one of the great English actors. He was knighted in the King's Birthday Honours list for his services to the stage and screen, and is recognised as Britain's greatest star.

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These two statements are more than upheld by Sir Laurence Olivier's magnificent production of "Hamlet," the screening of which will begin at the Queen's next Tuesday.

Throughout the world this film has received the chorus of praise to which it is so obviously entitled. Critics have exhausted their supplies of laudatory adjectives on it. Audiences have left after the conclusion, reluctantly aware that they have witnessed something more than just a film. In the words of Quintana, "The learned understood the theory of art, the unlearned its pleasure." And there is art in abundance in this "Hamlet."

There has been one slender shaft of adverse criticism aimed at the film. Sir Laurence, in his own wisdom, made some slight alterations in the work, omitted Rosencrantz and Guildenstern, a number of minor characters, and made small alterations to ensure the unbroken continuity of action, which is so essential to a film.

To the pundit and the Shakespearean slave this tampering with the immortal Bard's work amounts to sacrilege. If not heresy. To the majority of people, however, whose reverence for the work of the I. B. is almost certainly greater than their actual acquaintance with it, these alterations will not cause any dismay—even if they are noticed.

To dispose of all carping at once let us mention the one point on which local audiences may find cause for slight complaint. (The cause of Hamlet's father's ghost (Ophelia's ghost, that let me tell you) is not easy to understand. To give it the proper ghostly favour the voice has had some time done to it which unfortunately seems to imply the clappings of the tongue on the palate. This, combined with the unfamiliar physiology of Shakespeare, does tend to make hearing difficult, but that is a small point, lost in the excellence of the rest of the performance.

Without exception the cast is superb and to praise it here would be almost presumption. All that need be said is that Laurence Olivier is the sun around which the other scintillating bodies revolve.

In describing the parts of the various characters in this tragedy (or should one say the characters of the various parts) the obvious course is to all upon Shakespeare himself.

"Canst thou not minister to a mind diseased; Pluck from the memory a rooted sorrow, Raze out the written troubles of the brain; And, with some sweet oblivious antidote, Cleanse the stuffed bosom of that perilous stuff, Which weighs upon the heart?"

That was Macbeth, addressing the doctor on the subject of Lady Macbeth, but it might well be applied to Hamlet, suffering the conflicting compulsions of mercy, by his intellect, and vengeance by his father's ghost. In "Measure For Measure" Shakespeare supplies an equally apt, and briefer, description which could be applied to the Prince. "A wretched soul, bruised with adversity."

Of Claudius (Basil Sydney), murderer of his brother and husband of the dead man's wife, Hamlet himself supplies the clue, though in the context he means it for himself. "Thus conscience doth make cowards of us all."

from "Henry VI." to Horatio we must say: "In thy face I see the map of honour, truth and loyalty."

One other character must be mentioned for his delightful relief of tragedy. Of the Gravedigger (Stanley Holloway), whose part is a combination of those of the two clowns in the original, it may next aptly be said, "Thy wit is a very bitter-sweet; it is most sharp, sauce." (Romeo And Juliet).

Without the Bard to help, attention must still be drawn to the wonderful use of the camera throughout "Hamlet." When the action would normally slow down greatly, as in the soliloquies, the camera keeps our interest alive with its meanings, as natural yet so artful. It combines magnificently with the vivid music of William Walton to produce sharp effect. The most obvious case of this is the feeling of trepidation conveyed to the audience at the approach of the ghost.

In conclusion, to put the seal on this tiny of quotation, it is only fitting that there should be some sort of comment on William Shakespeare. Let George Bernard Shaw be heard: "It is our misfortune that the world's misery and hopeless horror of his view of man's destiny is still so appropriate to English society that we even today regard him not for an age, but for all time."

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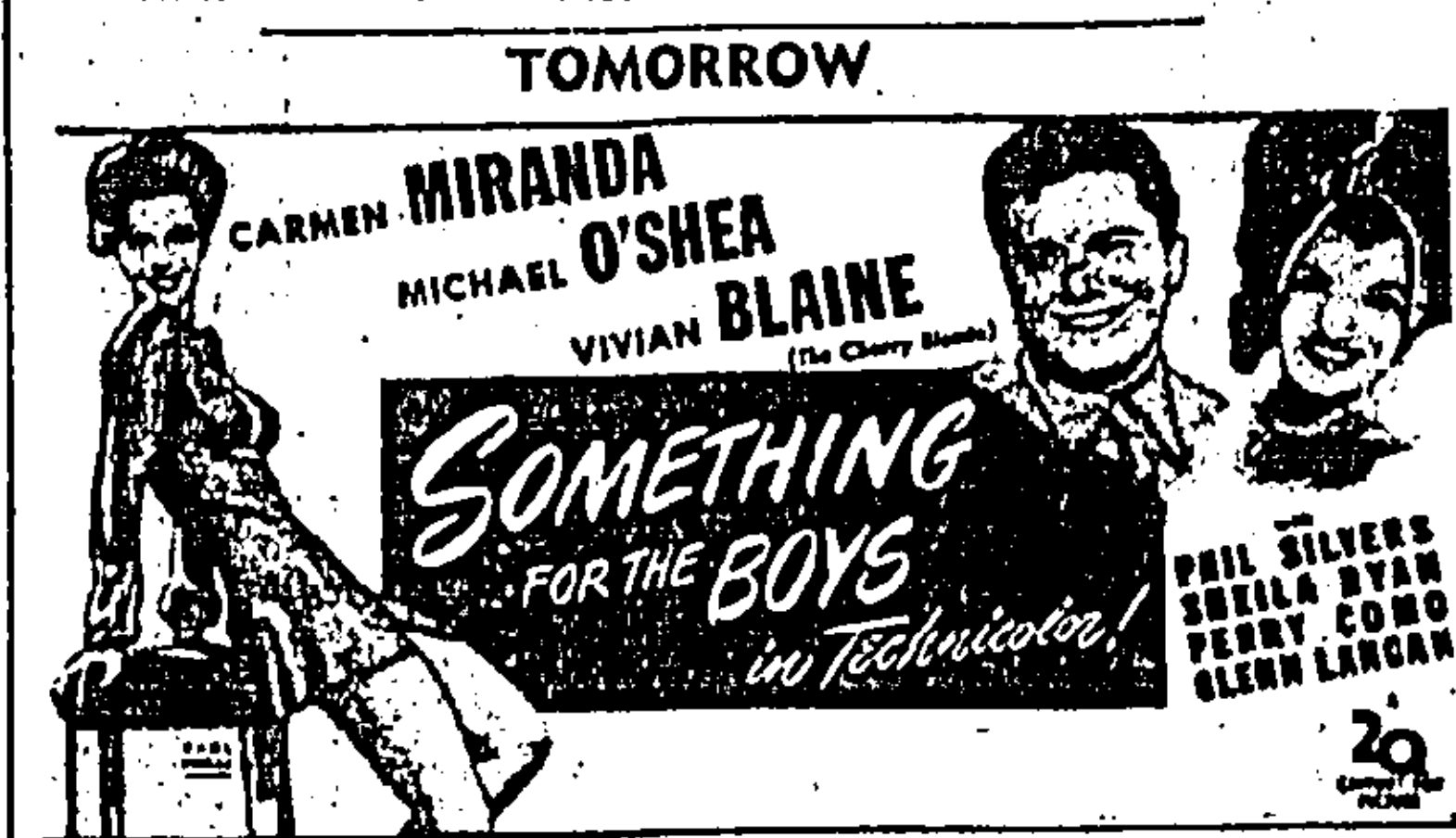
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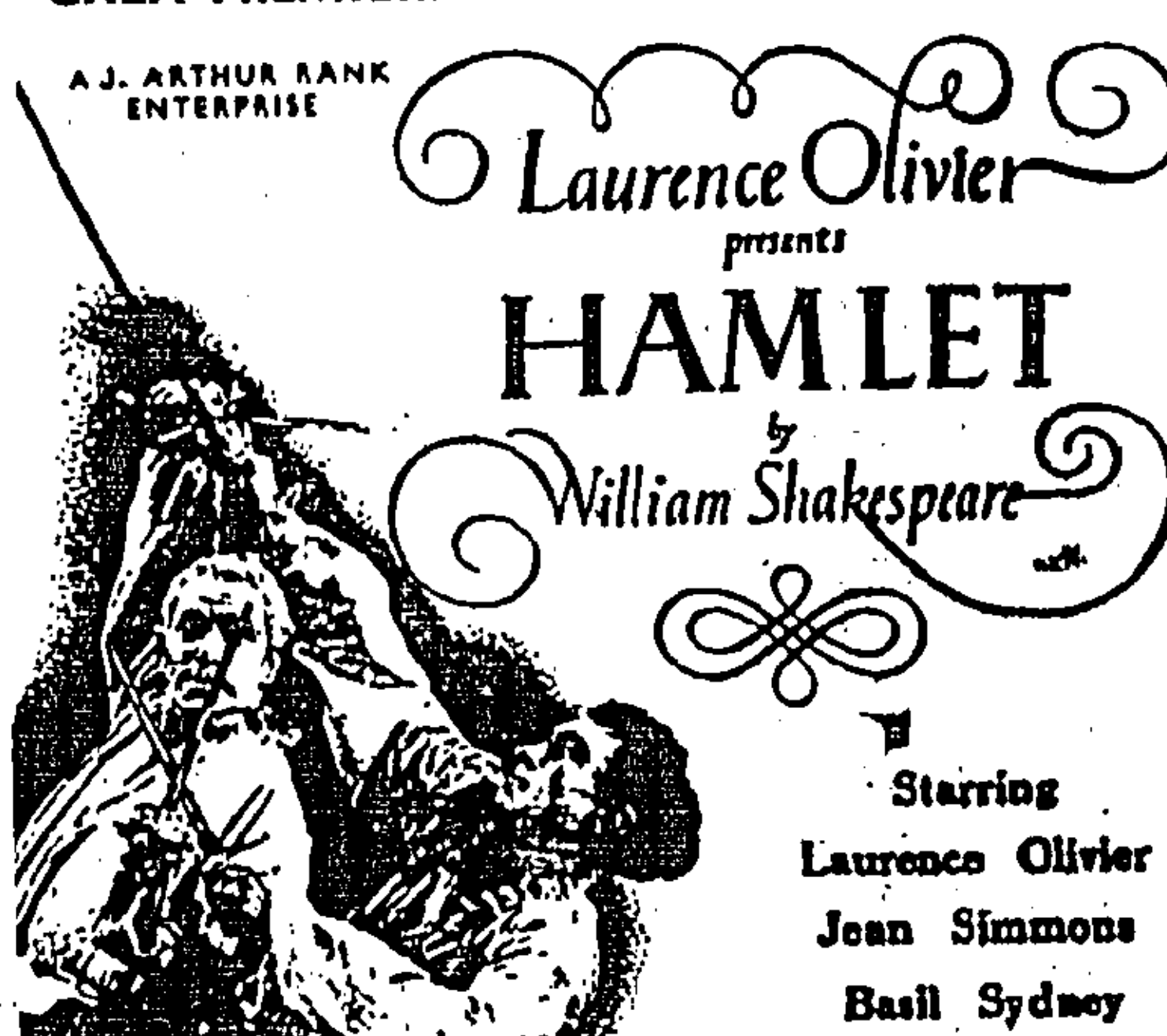
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LEIGHTON HILL

The figures provided by the Director of Public Works in detailing the cost of Leighton Hill Apartments will not impress the critics any more than those previously disclosed. No discussion on the technique of working out the cost per cubic foot can alter the basic fact which is that, on average, twenty-six flats have cost the Government (or the taxpayer) roughly \$145,000 a flat, and that that price is reached without making any sort of allowance for the value of the land, or for the time, labour and energy devoted by officers of the PWD to preparing the plans and supervising the construction. By any standards this is highly expensive building, and while there can be no attack on the Government for proceeding with programmes for re-housing public servants, the original criticism sticks that the Colony is not in a position to afford luxury schemes. Taking the Government's figures as they stand, the bare cost of construction, and the effort to explain them away and to convey the impression that Leighton Hill Apartments were cheap after all, fails miserably, as does the amusing (rather than amazing) suggestion that the work was completed at less than normal commercial cost. Mr. Kenniff perhaps gave part of the story away unwittingly when he mentioned that "garages and open type buildings" cost less per cubic foot than residential accommodation, for the main complaint against Leighton Hill has always been that the designer was in an extremely expansive frame of mind when he set to work on his plans—and that some of the corridors are wide enough to be used as godowns! How easy it could be, if the sole purpose was to keep down the relative cost per cubic foot, to carry this architectural style to the point of absurdity. The best test of building costs, as to whether they are reasonable or excessive, is to be found in their potential return by way of economic rent. On this basis, quite obviously from Government's own figures, there is not a flat in Leighton Hill that could be let by a land company investing for profit at less than \$1,200 to \$1,500 a month. We can see little point in venturing to argue beyond that. The issue boils down simply to whether the Colony can afford \$12,000 per head to house its civil servants.

Palestine

The Palestine debates during recent sessions of the General Assembly in Paris, drag on, without providing the slightest indication of progress. All they have shown is that the demands of the Arabs and the Jews are uncompromising. It is obvious that what the situation now demands is not a new mission on the Bernadotte model, vaguely brief and spasmodically supported, but a Commission which has been very clearly told what are the minimum territorial and other changes the United Nations will sanction in the Bernadotte Plan, and which is authorised by the Security Council to negotiate only within limits. In the course of its negotiations, it must inevitably run across the tenderest prejudices of Arabs and Jews—if it did not,

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the front. Nurses had, of course, long been accepted as a necessary contingent of a fighting force. From the outset of this war our nurses lived up to traditions tracing back to Florence Nightingale; consequently it was difficult to understand the initial resistance to the employment of women in other activities. They became hospital assistants, dietitians, personal assistants, and even junior staff officers in many headquarters. George Patton, later in the war, was to insist that one of his most valuable assistants was his Wac office manager.



To Be Continued

CANTONESE BY RADIO

BY S.K. LEE

A new departure by Radio Hong Kong is to be the teaching of Cantonese by Radio, through an expert teacher, with a series of lessons commencing on Friday of this week. On the day day preceding each lesson, the vocabulary to be dealt with will be set out in the columns of the "China Mail" and should be cut out, or retained, for reference by those interested in the course. The First Lesson, on tone practice, follows:

Tone Practice

Names of Tones	1st high TOP	2nd high UPPER RISING	3rd high UPPER ECHOING
Upper Tones	him ¹	him ²	him ³
Names of Tones	1st low BOTTOM	2nd low LOWER RISING	3rd low LOWER ECHOING
Lower Tones	him ¹	him ²	him ³

THE NUMERALS

Note: Romanisations in brackets are used in many text books.

1. (yat)	yut ¹	one.	7. (tsat)	tsut ¹	seven.
2. (li)	yee	two.	8. (pau)	baat ³	eight.
3. (saam)	saam ¹	three.	9. (kau)	gau ²	nine.
4. (sz)	say ³	four.	10. (shap)	shup ¹	ten.
5. (ng)	ng ²	five.	11. (ling)	ling ¹	zero.
6. (luk)	llok ¹	six.			

Numbers for practice:

31317.	saam ¹	yut ¹	saam ¹	yut ¹	tsut ¹	These five numerals are all in the top tone.
43484.	say ³	baat ³	say ³	baat ³	say ³	These are in the upper echoing tone.
26262.	yee	look ³	yee	look ³	yee	These are in the lower echoing tone.
10307.	yut ¹	ling ¹	saam ¹	ling ¹	tsut ¹	These show the difference between the top and the bottom tones.
50505.	ng ²	gau ²	ng ²	gau ²	ng ²	These show the difference between the upper and the lower rising tones.
2408'10.	yee	say ³	look ³	baat ³	shup ¹	These show the difference between the upper and the lower echoing tones.
20602.	yee	ling ¹	look ³	ling ¹	yee	These show the difference between the lower echoing and the bottom tones.

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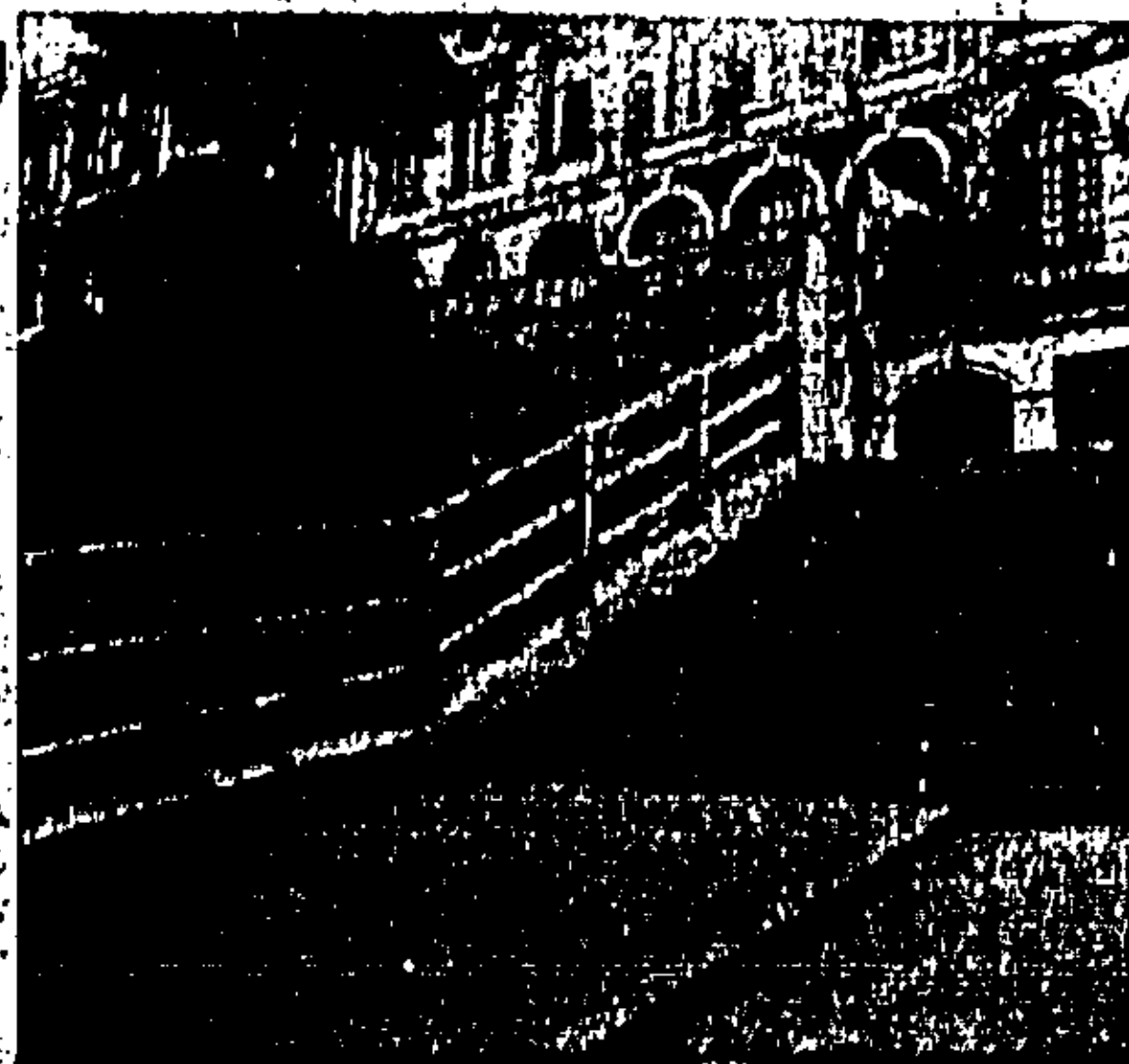
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MME CHIANG IN WASHINGTON

Cool Reception By Press And Officials

Deliveries Of War Material To Russia

London, December 1. A suggestion in the House of Commons today that Britain should cease the delivery of war material to Russia until the Berlin blockade is lifted, was rejected by the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Christopher Mayhew.

It is more important to meet the cold war with cold heads," Mr. Mayhew said, adding that in her economic and commercial relations with Eastern European countries, the British Government is guided by the degree of advantage to British interests.

The former Foreign Secretary and deputy leader of the Conservative Opposition, Mr. Anthony Eden, said it seemed incongruous that Britain should deliver notes in strong language to Russia and at the same time export valuable war materials.

Mr. Mayhew replied that political relations have an influence on economic relations, but he could only repeat that the Government intends to deal with all cases on their merits. —Reuter

HUGE FIGURES ON AMERICAN AID

Washington, December 1. The United States has supplied at least \$3,500,000,000 in aid to China since the start of World War II.

This is according to an estimate in an article on American-Chinese relations in the current issue of the American Foreign Service Journal, the house organ of American diplomats.

Some of the help has been in cash, some in merchandise.

The amount includes \$400,000,000 provided by Congress last April. Of that amount \$100,000,000 was for military assistance.

The assistance provided prior to the end of the war with Japan was calculated at \$1,469,400,000.

The post-war aid was estimated at \$2,030,600,000.

The figure included \$400,000,000 Congressional appropriation last April, surplus military supplies estimated at \$181,000,000 and the 72 per cent share that the United States paid on goods supplied by the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration.

The magazine's estimate did not include the gift of 98 naval vessels and other more intangible items. —Reuter

HALIFAX CRASH

Paris, December 1. Two were killed and six injured when a Halifax transport plane belonging to a French company crashed after taking off in thick fog from Bron Aerodrome, near Lyons, today.

A woman from Casablanca and one of her children were killed. The pilot, the radio operator and the mechanic were taken to hospital. —Reuter

CALL-UP CUT

Washington, December 2. The United States Army announced today that it had decided to cut the January call-up to 10,000 and the February call-up to 5,000 for financial reasons. —Reuter

NO APPOINTMENTS WITH PRESIDENT

Washington, December 1.

A frosty morning, a chilly press and a cool officialdom greeted Madame Chiang Kai-shhek when she arrived in Washington today to seek American aid for her husband's retreating armies in China.

No appointments were fixed for her. President Truman's calling list for the day omitted her name.

State Department officials said they know of no immediate plans for her to meet either the Secretary of State, Mr. George Marshall, who is in hospital, or the Under-Secretary of State, Mr. Robert Lovett.

Madame Chiang maintained the silence that she imposed on herself on her arrival at San Francisco yesterday. Her answer to all reporters' queries was "No comment."

It appeared that she meant to make no public pronouncements until she had talked with high American officials. The reception she is due to get from these officials, however, is universally expected to be unresponsive.

Madame Chiang kept the capital guessing what she intends to do to get new American backing for the hard-pressed Nationalists.

Smiling but tight-lipped, the first lady of China stepped from her plane and went immediately to the nearby Leesburg, Virginia, home of the U.S. Secretary of State and Mrs. Marshall.

Some hours later, she posed for newsmen on the lawn of the Marshall home, and said: "I wish to express appreciation for the interest and sympathy shown to my country—China—by an American friend."

Consultation With Envoy

"As I have been flying continuously since Sunday morning I still feel dizzy, even on terra firma. I know you will understand and give me a little time to recoup my equilibrium."

"I am happy to be here in the historic and hospitable home of my good friends, General and Mrs. Marshall."

Once, during the picture taking, she turned to Mrs. Marshall and remarked: "This is my wedding anniversary." (She and the Generalissimo were married 11 years ago.)

Mrs. Marshall replied, "We must have a celebration."

"It is enough of a celebration just being here," said Madame Chiang.

The White House and State Department professed to have no word of how the General's wife proposed to pass her eleventh-hour plan for help.

The Chinese Ambassador, Dr. Wellington Koo, and Li H. Kung, former Nationalist Prime Minister, motored to Leesburg to confer with her.

Madame Chiang, attired in a Chinese-style gown, shook hands first with Mrs. Marshall, her hostess. She accepted a bouquet of roses presented by the young daughter of the Embassy Counsellor, S. C. Wang, on behalf of the Chinese Women's Association of Washington.

The Indian Government placed a ban on jute exports to South Africa as a protest against treatment of Indians in the Commonwealth.

Jute from West and East Bengal has been the principal material for bags which are extensively used in South Africa.

The Indian Government, local sources said, blamed the shippers in India for the evasion of the regulation which provides that gunny bags are not re-exportable and prescribe severe penalties for violators.

The Indian Government is now investigating the alleged illegal shipments prior to taking action. —Associated Press

TO BE HANGED

Cardiff, December 1. The Home Secretary has decided that in the case of Clifford Godfrey Wills, aged 31, sentenced to death at Monmouth Assizes at Newport on November 19, for murdering Mrs. Sylvia May Parry, aged 32, there were not sufficient grounds to justify him recommending any interference with the course of the law.

The execution of Wills has been provisionally fixed for December 9 at Cardiff Prison. —Reuter

Petaín In Ill Health

Paris, December 2. Marshal Philippe Petaín, now on the late d'You serving a life sentence for being responsible for the Vichy Government's collaboration with Germany, has weakened considerably.

The announcement was made by the Minister of Information, M. Francois Mitterand.

Petaín was rumoured to be in the French cabinet may have decided to remove the Marshal from the island, off the Bay of Biscay, and take him to Illeneuve Loubet, in the South of France, where he originally had a house.

According to M. Mitterand, nothing had yet been decided about such a move. —Associated Press

ONE MORE FOR DEMOCRATS

Washington, December 1. A Presidential election recount has given the Democrats another House of Representatives seat in New York. They have thus a margin of 91 over the Republicans in the new Congress.

The figures based on the recount are: Democrats 222, Republicans 171, American Labour one and one vacancy. The vacancy is in a normally Democratic district of Brooklyn. —Reuter

Gibraltar, December 1. The 1st Battalion Camerounais embarked today for Tripoli aboard the troopship Empire Test after garrisoning the Rock for two years. Their families stayed behind. —Reuter

Co-operation Best Hope For Peace

New York, December 2.

Mr. Paul Hoffman, Chief of the Economic Co-operation Administration, said today that ERP has brought a new spirit of co-operation in Western Europe that is our best hope of peace.

Mr. Hoffman, who goes to London next Saturday on the start of a world ECA inspection, was addressing a meeting of the National Association of Manufacturers.

"ECA already has resulted in a substantial increase in Europe's productivity. But an even more important result is a real start toward breaking down the barriers that divide Europe into separate, uncooperative segments."

He listed as solid achievements the intra-European currency clearance programme to expedite credits effective on November 1, the economic merging of the Benelux countries, negotiations between Italy and France on a new Customs Union and Britain's offer of more than £75,000,000 in credits to European nations.

"These steps are only the beginning," Mr. Hoffman said. "We expect that further efforts to break down national barriers to increased trade in Europe will multiply in scope and effectiveness. We intend to encourage them with all the force and pressure we can muster."

At the State Department the Under-Secretary, Robert A. Lovett, told a news conference in the early afternoon he knew of no request that he or Secretary Marshall talk with her.

However, Democratic Senator Tom Connally, prospective chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, has said his or other committees would be willing to hear from her.

Strategy To Be Worked Out

It appeared that the strategy of her single-handed drive to obtain greater American aid remained to be worked out. In a conference with her Washington advisers, newspapers continued to play prominently Madame Chiang's arrival and her hopes to obtain assistance for her seemingly tottering government.

"American policy-makers will be under siege beginning today at the hands of one of the most captivating women in world affairs," said the Washington Post in an editorial.

"She has a gift of words as vivid as Winston Churchill's and eloquence in expressing them unequalled among present day women."

Blunt Speaking

In reference to her mission, the Post continued: "However, the facts are against our disingenuous waiter. The lesson of the fighting in China is that arms to the Chiang Kai-shhek Administration merely find their way to Communist armies. It is not want of arms which accounts for Nationalist failures. It is lack of will to fight and the blunt reason is that the Chinese have no confidence in their leadership."

"That should be kept in mind, no matter how skillfully Madame Chiang tries to instill into the sentimental American a sense of guilt and responsibility for China's plight." —Reuter and Associated Press

Little Late But Not Too Late, Says China Envoy

New York, December 2.

The Chinese Ambassador Dr. Wellington Koo, appealed today for quick American aid to China. He said the Chinese Government is ready to accept corruption-proof American control of expenditures.

In an address to the China Institute, Dr. Koo declared that if China falls behind the iron curtain, Asia will lose her freedom too, and that the burden and responsibility of America as the leader of freedom's crusade will increase a hundred-fold.

"As the grave situation stands today, time is of the essence," he said. "It may be a little late but it is not too late yet."

The envoy came here after conferring in Washington with Madame Chiang Kai-shhek.

With an obvious reference to Soviet Russia, Dr. Koo declared the Communist forces which are advancing on Nanking are aided and abetted, however clandestinely, by a mighty external power.

Urgent Need

In the present crisis China had a very urgent need of moral, material and military assistance, he said.

But he did not spell out what he being sought specifically beyond the US\$400,000,000 which the U.S. Congress voted for China aid for the present year. This includes US\$25,000,000 for military assistance.

Dr. Koo explained that payments from this fund are made directly by the U.S. Treasury to Government departments or American manufacturers supplying arms to China.

He said the Chinese suggested this procedure so as to avoid any necessity of the Chinese side touching the fund.

"There is no reason why the same methods could not be adopted for handling increased aid in the future," Dr. Koo went on.

Will Fight On

"Indeed, so far as China is concerned, I dare say that we would welcome any suggestion to improve on the present methods, and make them, if possible, even more corruption-proof. So there is no sound reason to be anxious about the possibility of corruption being practised if further aid is given to China."

Dr. Koo also appealed for American patience in waiting for reforms which, he said, have not been easy to carry out in China in the midst of a war against a formidable enemy.

Even should further aid be denied, Dr. Koo said, the Chinese people will fight on just the same to save their country from falling a total victim to Communist aggression.

In her 4,000 years of history, he said, China has managed to preserve freedom through many grave crises, and he added: "As in the past, so in the future, there will always be a China." —Associated Press

China A 'Poor Business Risk'

New Orleans, December 2.

Mr. William Chesney Martin, President of the Export and Import Bank, said today that it would be a "poor business risk" for the United States to lend China more money at this time.

"The Bank is one of the United States agencies through which a loan by this country to China could be handled."

Mr. Martin said Congress and the Economic Co-operation Administration could also lend money to the war-torn nation. He pointed out that Congress did not meet until January and said he did not believe the ECA had enough money for China's needs—nor did the Export and Import Bank.

In an interview, Mr. Martin indicated that the Bank would not approve further funds for China until the civil war was over.

"We loaned China during the last ten years nearly US\$250,000,000. They've paid back about US\$180,000,000," he said.

He added that the Bank was already committed to lend China another US\$20,000,000 but the money had not been disbursed. He pointed out that this probably would be only a fraction of the nation's needs. —United Press

JUST A SLIP OF THE TONGUE

Paris, December 1.

Mr. Peter Fraser, New Zealand's Prime Minister, tonight amazed the United Nations Minor Political Committee by demanding that Japan be admitted to membership of the UN.

He built up a strong case for her admission until delegates realised that it was a slip of the tongue.

He meant Ceylon.

It would be a disgraceful prostitution of the power of the Security Council in Japan were made the plaything in the dissension and strife within that body."

Mr. Fraser declared.

He reached the end of his speech before he corrected himself.

Looking round a laughing Assembly, he added ruefully: "I hope it will be many years before Japan comes into the United Nations."

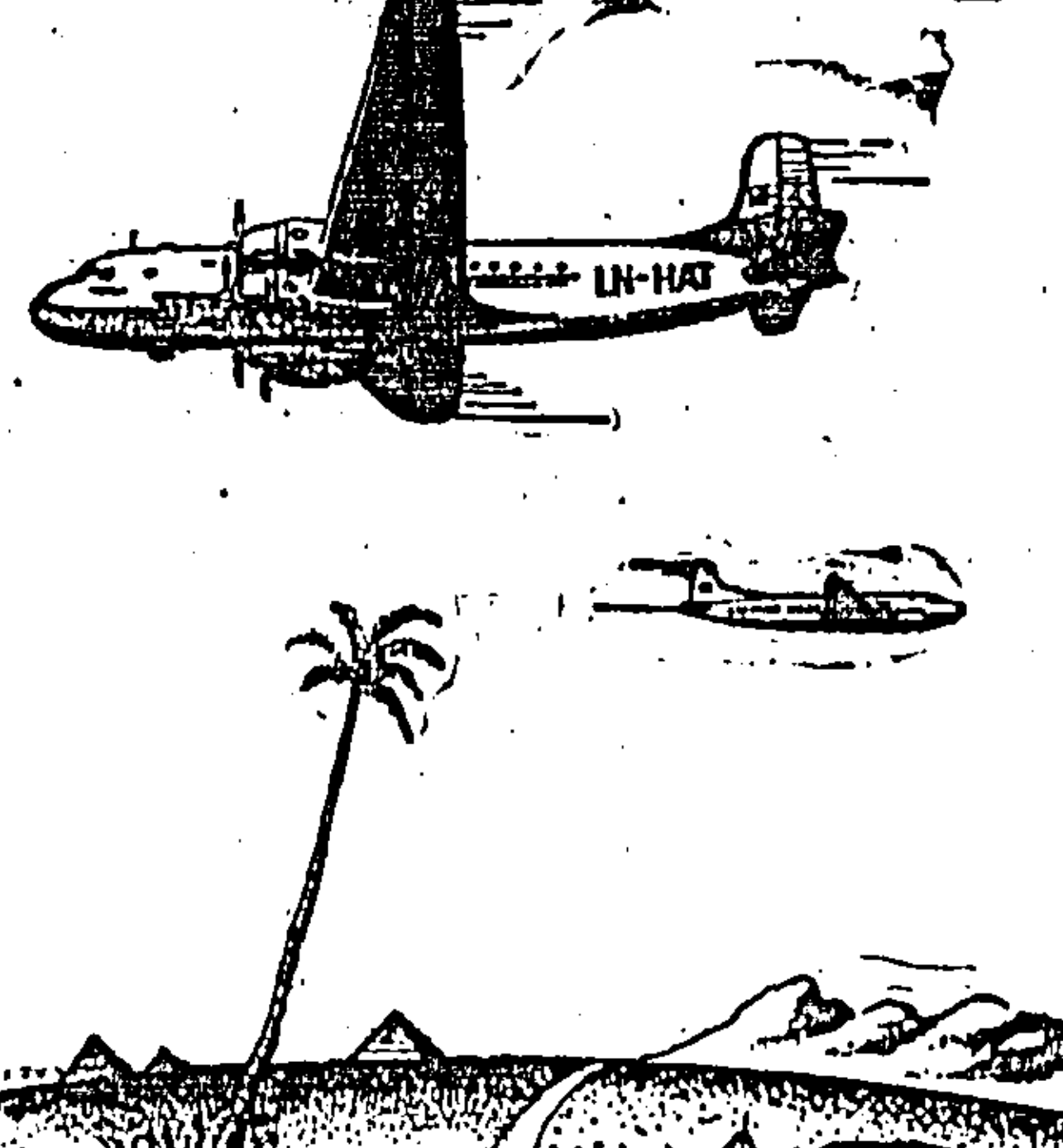
All the 58 members of the United Nations Minor Political Committee were completely in favour of Ceylon's admission, but there were still two camps adamant in their differences on the philosophy of the required resolution.

Tonight, the Committee appointed three members to frame the resolution—Colonel W. R. Hodgson, Australian; Dr. J. K. Suchy, Polish; and Brigadier General Carlos Romulo, of the Philippines. —Reuter

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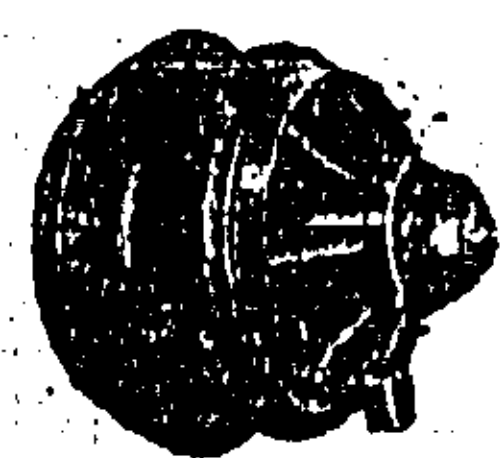
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Refreshments will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

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NANKING PACKS

LITTLE FAITH IN NEW LINE OF DEFENCE

Nanking, December 2.

With 350,000 Government troops trapped on the Hsichow front, a thin new defence line was thrown up today only 100 miles from shaken Nanking.

The capital seemed to have little faith in the new line, manned by only 80,000 soldiers. Officials packed. Archives were boxed. Diplomats expected official word within 24 hours that the city is no longer safe.

Chinese official sources in Shanghai said, an auxiliary capital will be set up at Canton. They denied, however, that Nanking is being abandoned by the Government.

The Chinese Government tonight officially declared contemplating the removal of the capital from Nanking but at the same time it declared that it was considering assistance to those civil servants who wish to send their dependents to rural homes.

Stating that rumours had been current that the Government may remove the capital from Nanking, Dr. Hollington Tong, the Government Information Minister, said: "I wish to declare most emphatically that these rumours are entirely without foundation and the Government has not given any consideration to the question of removal."

Dr. Tong stated, however, "With a view to conserving food and other essential supplies in the capital and also removing a possible source of worry among its personnel, the Government is considering assistance to those who wish to send their dependents to rural homes."

"Page Of Glory"

Dr. Tong continued: "At this juncture I wish to stress not only has the Government not considered the question of removal, but no Central Government organs are making preparations to move."

"The Government needs now, as never before, every Government employee to remain at his post of duty and work with increased efficiency as a contribution to the national effort."

"The Government is not contemplating any large-scale reduction of its personnel. At present, Government troops at the front have chosen an advantageous area into which they have enticed the rebel forces for a major battle of annihilation."

"At the moment, our heroic officers and men are writing a new page of glory in China's history. Both Chinese and foreign correspondents who have visited the front recently were all impressed by their exceedingly high morale."

Evacuees Lashed

The Commander for the Shanghai-Nanking area, General Teng En-po, tonight lashed out at the widespread panic among various classes of people who have started to leave Shanghai and Nanking to places of safety.

General Tang appealed for public confidence in the Government's ability to defend these vital centres. He said that only through the public's co-operation could the Government stem the surging tide of the Communists.

General Tang declared that Chinese Communism is not a domestic but a world problem. What is happening to China today, he pointed out, is due to the legacy of nine years of global war.

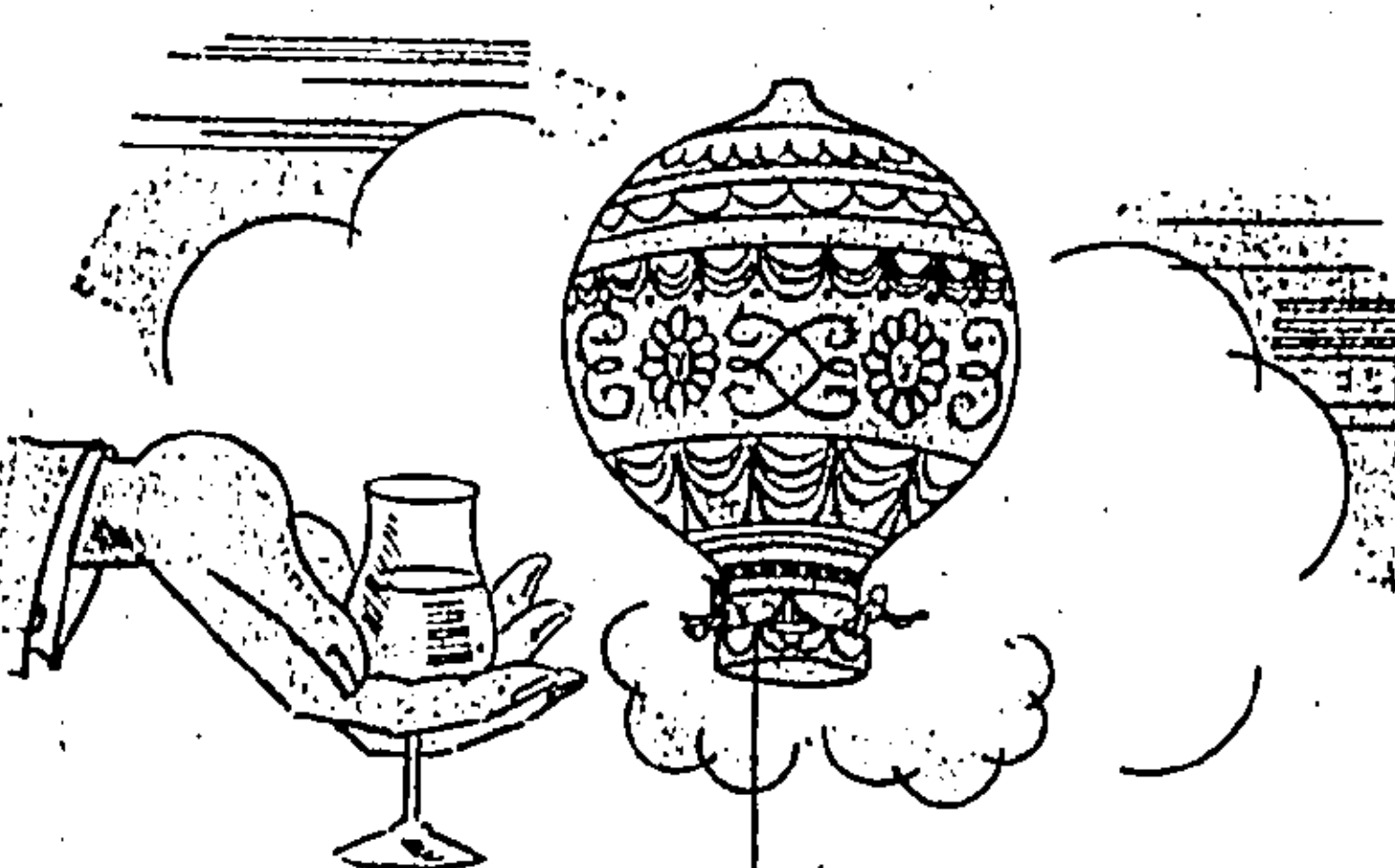
General Chien Ta-chun, commander of the Shanghai Garrison, appealed for a re-awakening of the spirit which held out successfully against the Japanese invasion of 1932 and 1937.

Mr. Cheng Ching-po, a State Councillor and president of the Sin Wan Pao, an influential Chinese newspaper which, in the past week, have published sensational reports which had aggravated the panic.—Associated Press and Reuter.

Canton, December 2.

General Chang Fa-kuei, former Director of the new defunct President's Canton Headquarters, has arrived here from Shanghai. General Chang is reported to be spending the winter in Canton.—Reuter.

BALLOON GLASSES



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Shanghai Mystery

Shanghai, December 2.
The entire downtown area of Shanghai was blockaded last night by heavily armed Chinese military and plain-clothes police for some five hours during which coolies were observed moving heavy boxes from the Central Bank to a cable ship tied up to a jetty opposite the Bank.

Newspapermen wearing curfew armbands were not allowed through the blockade and for the entire period the Chinese Cable Office, situated in the heart of the area, was completely isolated.—Reuter.

GOLDSMITHS IN CANTON BUSY

Canton, December 2.
The city's goldsmith shops, which were badly hit during the economic crisis preceding the introduction of the Gold Yuen, are now doing flourishing business owing to the influx of a great many people from the North, who are buying gold ornaments, or who are selling such articles to live.

However, the majority of other trades and industries are not doing well.

It is estimated that more than 50 per cent of Canton's merchants are losing heavily, and it is expected that many of them will not resume business in the New Year.—Reuter.

Civil War Sweeps Towards Kalgan

Peiping, December 2.

The flames of civil war are sweeping toward Kalgan, historic gateway to Inner Mongolia, which Fu Tso-yi wrested from the Reds in 1946.

Kalgan, important centre of trade between North China and Inner Mongolia, is the capital of Chahar province. It lies on the Peiping-Suiyuan railroad 100 miles North West of Peiping. Until the Nationalist collapse in Manchuria, which forced Fu Tso-yi to abandon the two provincial capitals of Chengteh in Jehol and Paoting in Hopei, Kalgan was considered an essential keypoint in Fu's North China defence system.

Lately, however, there have been indications that Fu might call for withdrawal from Kalgan. Top factories there have been moved to Tientsin.

Pro-Government reports said 50,000 Reds are moving Eastward from Suiyuan into Southern Chahar—the same route Fu took when he swept across the Mongolian plains 26 months ago to smash the Reds and earn for himself the title of conqueror of Kalgan.

Major Development

Pro-Government reports said the vanguard of this force has already crossed the frontier into Chahar and has engaged the Nationalists around Chalkoupa on the Peiping rail line 25 miles West of Kalgan.

In Kalgan itself the nightly curfew was advanced to 9 P.M. The Chinese press reported an important development in this part of the country. It said the Mohammedan General, Ma Hsun-kwei, Governor of the North Western province of Ninghsia, had sent troops into Suiyuan to help Fu Tso-yi.

Ma previously had confined

NORTH CHINA PORT GRIPPED BY DISMAY

British Concerns Blackmailed

Tientsin, December 2.

Excitement and tension gripped Tientsin last night as evacuees prepared to board the Jardine steamer, Wingsang, sailing for Hong Kong this morning.

Unruly Nationalist soldiers provoked fear and dismay on the eve of the first major British evacuation by adopting aggressive blackmail tactics against British enterprises.

Police constables did not relax demands for money had not relaxed.

Hundreds Vanish

At the same time, General Fu Tso-yi's "conscription" programme spread confusion in the city as hundreds of clerks in reputable British and other concerns vanished overnight to avoid being inducted into the army.

Scores of families of many untraceable potential conscripts have been detained in an effort to compel the return of the unwilling soldiers.

Only a few enterprising young men succeeded in remaining out of uniform by buying replacements.

At a meeting attended by about 50 newspapermen last night, the Garrison Command representative, Chi Chung-huan, outlined four censorship principles for them to observe.

Fighting Rumour

1.—The Political Section of the Garrison Headquarters will continue to supply news for publication, if any.

He urged the suppression of rumours and unqualified stories until officially confirmed.

2.—The Central News Agency's versions of developments in areas outside North China will be released by Headquarters and they must not be contradicted.

3.—No military withdrawals or strategic retreats are publishable until released by the Central News Agency or the Garrison Headquarters.

4.—Newspaper editorials must not mention defeats or anything contrary to the policy of the Government.—Reuter.

Human Freedoms Defined By UN

Paris, December 1.

The United Nations Social Committee today adopted a new Charter of Human Freedoms, which declared that all persons are equal, irrespective of race, colour, sex, language, religion or politics.

It holds that no man should be subjected to arbitrary arrest, detention or exile, nor subjected to torture, inhuman treatment or punishment.

Everyone has the right to freedom of movement and residence within the border of each state and the right to seek and to enjoy in other countries, asylum from persecution.

The declaration lays it down that men and women of full age have the right to marry without limitations of race, nationality or religion.

It emphasizes the rights of free speech, peaceful assembly, religious freedom and the right of free elections.

The declaration maintains that everyone has the right to nationality and equal access to public service in his country. The will of the people expressed in periodic and genuine elections is the basis of authority.

On social security, it stresses that everyone has the right to work, with equal pay for equal work, to free choice of employment under just and favourable conditions, and to protection against unemployment.

Workers are entitled to form and join trade unions, to have reasonable limitation of working hours and periodic holidays with pay.—Reuter.

Tientsin Grateful For ECA Rations

Tientsin, December 2.

The Mayor of Tientsin, Mr. Tu Chien-shih, released a lengthy statement today paying tribute to the China aid programme of the Economic Co-operation Administration.

He said through the ECA's China assistance, Tientsin has been able to hold itself firm and steadfast. The Mayor declared: "The loss of Mukden and other setbacks in Manchuria have brought Peiping and Tientsin to the frontlines."

"The people here are now brought face to face with the threat of immediate war and an economic blockade. Due to the difficulty of communication and transportation created by the war against the Communists the Government's food rationing programme for the passing month has not been smoothly executed, but through the timely assistance of the Economic Co-operation Administration, Tientsin has been able to hold itself firm and steadfast."

"The people are anxious not to panic, thanks to the prompt and regular delivery of food supplies by the Economic Co-operation Administration, whose functions represent a stabilizing factor for this city."

"The people know the war makes tomorrow's fortunes vague but ECA rationing provides not only for today but also for tomorrow. We in China know these funds have been made available to us through the Economic Co-operation Administration by individual contributions of all the taxpayers of the United States."

"I therefore lend my people in giving our sincere thanks to the people of America and to assure them of our profound appreciation for what they have done through the Economic Co-operation Administration in Tientsin."—Reuter.

KUOMINTANG APPOINTMENTS

Canton, December 2.

A Special Commissioner for Kuomintang Affairs has been appointed for each Pacification Area in China according to a local report quoting reliable sources.

The appointments are said to have been made by the Central Kuomintang Headquarters, and Dr. T. V. Soong, Governor of Kwangtung, is reported to have been the choice for the Southern Pacification Area, which includes Kwangtung, Kwangsi, Kiangsi and Fukien.—Reuter.

FILM DIRECTOR FOUND DEAD

Hollywood, December 1.

Raymond McCarey, 44, film director and brother of the noted director-producer, Leo McCarey, was found dead in his apartment, apparently a suicide, a police report today.—United Press.

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12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
12.35 p.m.—"From the Films."
1.00 p.m.—Xavier Curat and His Waldorf Astoria Hotel Orchestra.
1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.
1.25 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.
1.30 p.m.—"Music for You."
2.00 p.m.—Close Down.
6.00 p.m.—Programme Summary.
6.01 p.m.—Children's Half Hour: "Dragon Bridge Island" by Barnaby Twist. (Studio).
6.30 p.m.—"Cantonese by Radio".
6.50 p.m.—Denny Goodman and His Orchestra.
7.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).
7.15 p.m.—Sports Review (Studio).
7.30 p.m.—"Have a Go". A Quiz Programme introduced by Wilfred Pickles (BBC7B).
8.00 p.m.—"From the Editorials" (London Relay).
8.10 p.m.—Grounds: "Faust" Act 1 and 2. Members of the Chinese and the Orchestra of the Paris Opera with Mireille Mathieu (Soprano), Cesar Vassani (Tenor) and Marcel Journet (Bass) and other artists.
8.20 p.m.—A Chorus Programme by Louis Kentner (Piano).
8.15 p.m.—A Serial Story: "Here comes the Copper by Henry Wade, Read by Clifford Davis (Studio).
8.35 p.m.—London Symphony Orchestra.
10.00 p.m.—Radio News Reel (London Relay).
10.15 p.m.—"Sweet Serenade". Peter York and His Concert Orchestra with Paula Green and Steve Conway (Vocalists) (BBC7B).
11.00 p.m.—"Think of These Things" by the Rev. Eric Fenn. Vocal: Rene Rouman, Margaret Godley and G. Thelma Bell (Organs) (BBC7B).
11.15 p.m.—Weather Report and Close Down.

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(By Miles W. Vaughn)

Nanking, December 2.

"Aid Even At Risk Of War"

Washington, December 2. Representative Chester Merrow, Republican of New Hampshire, today called for immediate military aid to China even at the risk of war with Russia.

Merrow, a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, said that if Russia presents its ultimatum, as well have a showdown now.

"We have either got to assist China now or write it off, and I don't think we want to write it off," he said.

Merrow advocated the appropriation of at least US\$1,000,000,000 to China, with the amount for military use not specified. "If we can spend US\$5,000,000,000 in Europe, we can certainly gamble that much to assist China, and I shall introduce a resolution immediately when Congress convenes to provide the money."

Merrow said the resolution would propose that the President make immediately available all aid to China authorized to date. It also would propose that Chiang Kai-shek be given as many military advisers as he needs.

He said that if necessary, he would cut funds for European recovery to prevent Asia from going down. Associated Press.

SOPHOULIS IS BETTER

Athens, December 1.

A medical bulletin announced today that the Greek Premier, Themistocles Sophoulis, who suffered two heart attacks last week, continued to make progress.

His temperature is normal, and he is eating and sleeping well. The bulletin added that he must avoid all fatigue.

The condition of General Napoleon Zervas, the war-time head of E.D.E.S., who collapsed on Monday with a heart attack, was also improved.

The French heart specialist, Professor Drouot, is to examine Archbishop Damaskinos, the former Regent of Greece, stated to have long suffered from a heart affection. Reuter.

NEW AIRPORT FOR AIRLIFT

Berlin, December 1.

Teget Airport, built in the French sector at record speed to help the Berlin airlift, was formally opened with a military parade today.

Owing to the heavy fog, no planes were able to land. For the first time since the end of the war, German representatives, including the Western Lord Mayor, Frau Louise Schoeder, took their places on the reviewing stand alongside the three Western Commanders. Reuter.

Rally In Berlin Ends In Fight

Berlin, December 2.

Communist hecklers precipitated a violent fist fight in Western Berlin last night when they tried to break up a political rally.

It was the first outbreak since a Communist-called meeting in the Soviet sector on Tuesday declared the regular city government out of office and elected a new Red regime by a show of hands.

An audience of several hundred in Neukolln today was being urged by Social Democrat speakers to turn out a big vote against Communism in next Sunday's elections when the Communist hecklers interrupted.

A dozen men began throwing punches. German police, with the enthusiastic aid of the Social Democrats, threw the rowdies out of the hall. Outside the hecklers

sang the Internationale. There were no arrests. Scores of similar rallies have been fixed for the remainder of this week in all parts of Western Berlin, and the West German police have been alerted to keep order.

Police said there was no way of telling whether the hecklers came from the Soviet sector of Berlin since none was arrested. Berliners are still free to circulate from one sector to another.

The Western Military Government announced last night that no member of the police can engage in any political activity beyond mere party membership. Associated Press.



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Russia Spots A New Comet

Moscow, December 1. A new comet, described as the brightest seen for 10 years, has been under observation for several days by astronomers at Stalinabad, in the far South of the USSR. The comet is easily visible to the naked eye due to its brilliance and the length of its tail—16 degrees. It can be seen at dawn in the constellation of Hydra, near the sun. Reuter.

More Ships For China Refugees

Geneva, December 1.

The International Refugee Organisation today assigned three more ships—making five altogether—to evacuate European refugees threatened by the spreading civil war in China.

They are the 3,728-ton Swedish ship, San Francisco, the 5,042-ton Norwegian Svalbard, and the 7,390-ton Panamanian Protea.

They will go to China in January or February to evacuate the remaining 1,135 refugees who have immigration visas for resettlement. If the war in China demands emergency action, all the 13,000 European refugees will be evacuated by a shuttle service, possibly to Japan or Australia.

The two other ships, the 7,801-ton Italian Castel Bianco and the 7,607-ton Argentine Wooster Victory have already left Australia. They will reach a Chinese port early in December and embark 1,700 refugees, mainly Jewish, for a Mediterranean port. Reuter.

No Optimism On Berlin Issue

Paris, December 1.

Sources close to the British and American delegations to the United Nations do not share the optimism of Dr. Juan Bramuglia, retiring President of the Security Council.

Dr. Bramuglia said today that he believed a solution to the Berlin crisis was still possible. He said that Mr. Vyshinsky had agreed to some Soviet experts co-operating with the Currency Committee. Mr. Vyshinsky had not, however, made any reply to Dr. Bramuglia's resolution, to which the three Western Powers issued a joint reply today. Reuter.

Although the Western Powers and Russia have agreed to allow their financial experts to co-operate with the Security Council's Neutral Committee of Experts, observers feared its work might founder as a result of the Russian action in splitting the Berlin Administration.

The Western Powers emphasized today that if the Russian actions in Berlin continued in the same direction, they would reserve the right to take other measures necessary to protect their interests.

Meanwhile, Dr. Bramuglia announced that the Committee of currency experts has been constituted, and will start work immediately.

It will begin study of the points of difference between the Western and Soviet replies to his earlier questionnaire.

Before leaving Paris tonight, Dr. Bramuglia told reporters that he still believed the Berlin problem could be solved by the New Year.

Asked whether he thought the Soviet denunciation of the Western-recognised Berlin administration would have an adverse effect on the work of the currency experts, he said: "No."

SOVIET FIFTH COLUMN ACTIVE IN BRITAIN

London, December 1.

Mr. Winston Churchill told the House of Commons today that a highly-organized fifth column was active in all parts of Great Britain. "It is in our factories, in our trade unions and in our camps," he said.

"It is inconceivable that the Soviet Government have not got a very accurate measure of British resources," the wartime Prime Minister told the House. Mr. Churchill supported a Government bill to increase compulsory service in the armed forces from 12 to 18 months but accused the Government of squandering the country's resources.

Disagreeing with the Defence Minister, Mr. A. V. Alexander, that the extension was necessitated by the deteriorating international situation, Mr. Churchill said the darkening foreign situation had not changed since the Government, decided on a 12-month period 18 months ago after a section of Labour Members had opposed the Cabinet's original proposal of 18 months.

The whole story constituted not only an error of judgment, but a lapse from public duty under party pressure, he said.

"We have lived under the protection of the atomic bomb since the early days of this Parliament," he said. "The uncertain question had been: what are the intentions of the group of oligarchs in control of the Kremlin?"

Two persons had been detained in the British Zone of Austria in circumstances which make it obvious that they were engaged in the collection of information about British military units and were acting under the orders of an Eastern European State, a British communiqué issued here tonight said.

The two suspects, whose identities have not yet been disclosed, were detained by Austrian police on British instructions and are being held in Austrian custody. They are not of Austrian nationality.

One of them said he was formerly an officer in the German Waffen SS, the other stated he has been an officer in the SS. The British authorities are examining evidence to determine whether to keep the men under detention pending trial before a military court.

If brought to trial, the men will be allowed to choose their own legal representatives and trial will be open to the press and public. Reuter.

The Danger

Mr. Alexander said events in Malaya and the Far East had shown there was a possibility of at least a danger of new commitments. If the 12 months

IRAQ'S ROLE IN PALESTINE

Baghdad, December 1.

The Regent of Iraq, Emir Abdul Ilah, in a speech from the Throne at the opening of the Iraqi Parliament today, said that Iraq has played and will play the best role in the liberation of Palestine.

He expressed confidence that with the co-operation of Arab arms, the Holy Land will be liberated. Reuter.

IN DISTRESS

The Hague, December 1. A message from the British steamer, Mesa Verde (10,400 tons), picked up by Scheveningen Radio tonight, reported that she was standing by the 400-ton Spanish motor vessel, Procyon, in distress about 25 miles west of Corunna, Northern Spain. Reuter.



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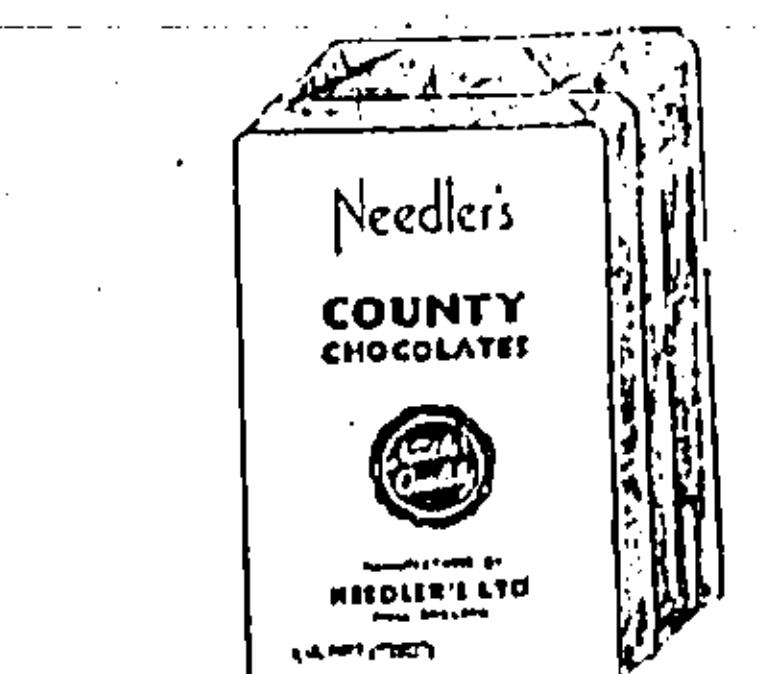
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EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT A STEP NEARER

Paris, December 1.

Britain has agreed to support the French plan for a European Parliament. The British support for the French proposal marks a real step forward in reconciling the British and French views on practical steps to be taken towards a political and economic union of Europe.

Britain Opposes Ruhr Plan

London, December 1.
Britain today opposed on technical grounds the French proposals for the control of the Ruhr industries which were supported in varying degrees by the Benelux representatives at a plenary session of the six-power Ruhr Conference here.

The United States delegation have not yet given their full views. The Conference hopes to draft a Statute for a Ruhr International Authority.

The French proposals are not identical with the memorandum submitted by the French Government to the British and American Governments 11 days ago but are stated to follow the same general line.

They set out three main objectives:

1.—To prevent the creation of excessive economic concentrations.
2.—To prevent the Nazis from regaining control in any form.
3.—To provide enough control over production and equipment programmes to prevent them from becoming a danger to European security.—Reuter.

**MASQUERADE OF
DEMOCRACY**

Berlin, December 1.
The French Commandant in Berlin, General Jean Ganeval, today described as a masquerade of democracy the setting up of an Eastern Berlin City Government at yesterday's Soviet sector meeting.

In an official communique, General Ganeval warned that the artificial and somewhat ridiculous aspect of the show should not divert attention from the fact that serious consequences may result.—Reuter.

Britain's support was made conditional on the French and Benelux countries agreeing to support the British proposal for a Consultative European Council of Ministers. This condition was accepted. The marriage of the British and French ideas was urged by the International Committee for European Federation in which Mr. Winston Churchill has played a prominent part.

A sub-committee of the European Unity Committee will start work tomorrow working out the practical details.

The work of the committee is expected to occupy several weeks. It has to elaborate the exact powers it is proposed to give the European Council and the European Parliament, its finances and its terms of reference.

The British Ambassador to Rome, Sir Victor Mallet, saw the Italian Foreign Minister, Count Carlo Sforza, today and was understood to have discussed with him the plan for a European Consultative Council.

Foreign Ministry circles in Rome said after the meeting that it seemed likely that Italy would be invited to co-operate in the European Union.

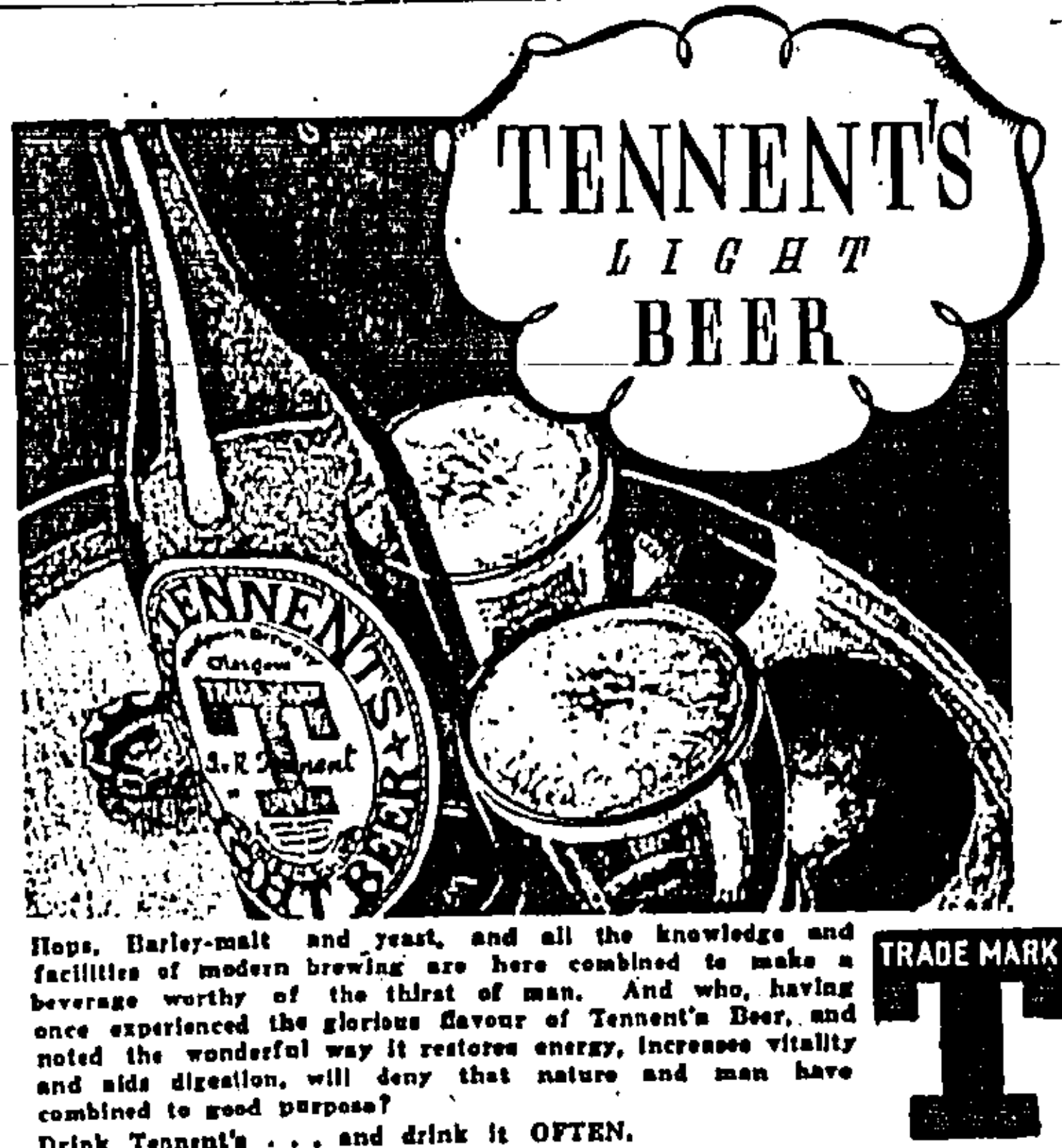
Count Sforza also heard a report from Professor Alberto Tarchini, Italian Ambassador to the United States, on his recent talks with President Truman on the Italian colonies.

Later, the Count said: "I continue to hope the improvised and empiric Anglo-American agreement regarding the future of our colonies may give way in favour of the Italian thesis."—Reuter.

**DARWIN LASHED
BY STORM**

Darwin, December 1.
A tropical cyclone of 120 miles an hour velocity lashed the Northern coast near Darwin tonight and stopped all departures from this Empire air base.

Shops were hurriedly closed and the streets cleared as the cyclone warning reached the town but Darwin itself was not affected.—Reuter.



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UNIC Moving To Manila

Manila, December 2.
The United Nations Information Centre for Asia is establishing a temporary office in Manila pending transfer of its Shanghai headquarters to this capital. UNIC plans to evacuate to Manila in the immediate future in view of the uncertainty of operations in Shanghai.—Associated Press.

"E" For Europe New Slogan

Paris, December 1.
Mr. Duncan Sandys, a leader of the European Unity movement, in a speech in Paris today said that the sign "E" for Europe will be appearing in the night upon the walls of Warsaw, Prague, Bucharest and other cities behind the Iron Curtain.

He told the Anglo-American Press Association that the sign was becoming increasingly the symbol of resistance.

Movements for the United States of Europe were being formed in most countries, if not all, within the Soviet orbit.—Reuter.

DISARMAMENT TO BE CONTROLLED

Frankfurt, December 2.
The three Western Military Governors of Germany reached almost complete agreement today on the functions, compositions and powers of a permanent Military Security Commission.

They failed to settle remaining differences on the future Occupation Statute.

A final meeting, their fourth, will be held on December 10. General Lucius D. Clay, the United States Military Governor, said tonight.

The French delegation stated that agreed and disagreed points would be submitted direct to the Western Governments for a final decision.

General Clay told reporters tonight that such a joint report to the Western Governments would be made only if the next meeting failed. The individual Governors would consult their Governments in the meantime.

London, December 1.
The fog blanket was lifting from North West Europe today. The Berlin airlift was resumed, ships began to move in the Scheldt Estuary, and most airlines were running to time table. With a low hanging fog still covering most of Western Germany this morning, the airlift was restarted on a limited scale. Later, Berlin saw sunshine for the first time in six days.

The Potsdam Meteorological Office predicted the whole of Germany would be free from fog by tomorrow.

Fog caused 32 traffic accidents during the last 24 hours in Frankfurt, which also had its first snow of the winter.

Air traffic at Orly and Le Bourget Airports near Paris, was normal today. The National Weather Office again predicted fog over the Paris region. Temperatures were several degrees below freezing point.

Six hundred passengers stranded in Paris for 12 days waiting for the Queen Elizabeth left this afternoon for Cherbourg. The

liner left Southampton in bright sunshine today.

Giant Liners Sail
In Holland, bright sunshine rapidly dispersed the ground mist in low-lying places. Except for planes to Britain, air traffic was normal at Schiphol Airport.

Airline departures from Brussels were resumed after a few early morning cancellations.

Fog is expected to return in Belgium tonight but less severely than in the past few days.

Shipping from Antwerp, delayed by fog in the Scheldt, was back to normal with only a slight haze.

In London, the sun broke through this afternoon after the thickest night and morning of the five-day fog. Shipping began to move in the Thames Estuary and docks.

Three giant liners—Queen Elizabeth, Queen Mary and Aquitania—left their berths in bright sunshine after hold-ups by strikes and fog, estimated to have cost the Cunard White Star Line well over £400,000.

Forecasters indicated a general improvement after the longest period of consistent fog recorded since regular observations began.—Reuter.

Plot Was Inspired From Abroad

Santiago, December 2.
The Chilean Military Attorney General declared tonight that the recent right wing plot against the Government was inspired from Argentina and timed with subversive movements in other countries of Latin America.

The conclusions of his inquiry, published today, said: "The subversive movement intended to overthrow the present Government and replace it by another presided over by General Carlos Ibanez was inspired from Argentina and in close synchronisation with similar movements in other Latin American countries."

He mentioned a pamphlet alleged to have been circulated among Army chiefs and officers of the Argentine Army which said: "Argentina ought to strive at exerting tutelage over America through the heroism and political genius of the Argentine Army."

The alleged leaders of the conspiracy, General Carlos Ibanez, president of Chile from 1927 to 1931, later banished to Argentina, and General Ramon Vergara, former Air Force chief and one-time Prefect of Santiago, were arrested on October 31.—Reuter.

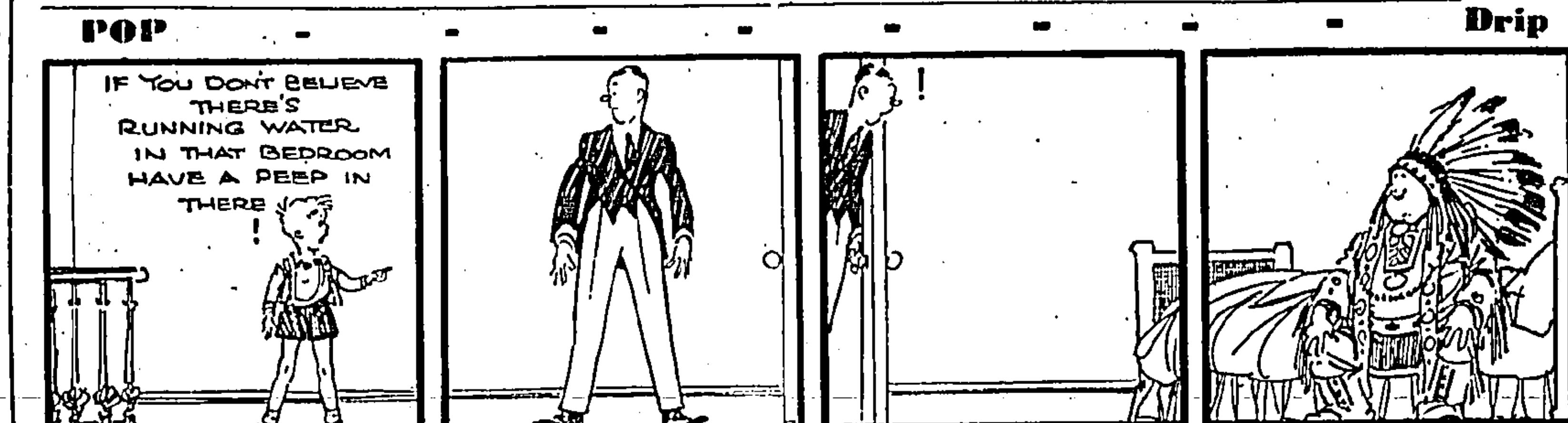
Rioting In Damascus

Damascus, December 1.
Police and rioters fought a battle here today.

The disturbances began last Monday when a general strike was declared and demonstrations staged, calling for an immediate resumption of hostilities in Palestine. Some casualties were reported.

Rioters today were said to have opened fire on the police, who replied with tear-gas bombs and volleys into the air before firing at the demonstrators.

The Syrian President, Shukri Bey El Khatib, has called a meeting of Parliament tonight to consider the situation.—Reuter.



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BRIBE INQUIRY

WITNESS OFFERED MP'S MONEY TO FIGHT REDS

London, December 1.

Sidney Stanley, key figure in the Government inquiry into allegations of corruption in public life, claimed today that he had offered Members of Parliament all the money they wanted for an organisation to fight Communism.

Stanley, giving evidence for the first time, declared his offer was made at a dinner party, Mr. Morgan Phillips, Secretary of the Labour Party, was there.

Later, an organisation called Freedom and Democracy came into being, he said.

Stanley said that Mr. Tom O'Brien, Member of Parliament, had been put forward as its organiser by the Trades Union Congress, which did not want to appear in the picture.

There was a stir in court today when Stanley—small and chubby with heavily-lidded eyes—walked slowly to the witness stand and placed a white handkerchief on his head to take the oath in Jewish fashion.

The man said to have used five different names confessed he did not know under what name he had been born. His father's name had been Koschovsky.

He told the court he had been known as Sidney Stanley for over 25 years. He denied he had had any other names during that period except Rechinna.

Army Supplies

Stanley said he came to Britain from Poland with his parents when he was about 14. When the second World War broke out, he went to see Louis A. Woolton, then Minister of Supply, about supplying clothing for the Army. He was told the Government needed Army greencents, so he started negotiating with firms whom he knew could supply them.

All through the war, he acted as a commission agent assisting in completing contracts between business firms and the Government.

Asked if he had ever given money to Mr. John Belcher, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, or any other of these friends, he shouted dramatically: "My God, how dare you suggest it?"

Stanley said it was at a dinner party given by Mr. George Gibson, a director of the Bank of England, that the talk of Communism had arisen. Mr. Morgan Phillips and members of Parliament had been talking about how they could go to work to combat the Communists.

Stanley said to them: "Your talk is very cheap. Why do you not do something about it?"

They had replied that they needed money and, according to Stanley, he then replied: "I can get you all the money you want to fight the Communists." Money was eventually obtained, an organisation set up and a magazine called Freedom First printed.

Gold Case

His circulation, said Stanley, went up to 100,000. Most of the copies went to Europe.

Stanley agreed that he had given Mr. Gibson cigars and had given Mr. Belcher a gold cigarette case worth £60 or £70, after knowing him for almost two years and against his wishes.

He said he paid the Belcher family's hotel bill at Margate during the Labour Party Conference there because he had originally asked them to stay at his house, but found he had not enough accommodation.

Stanley said he had gone to boxing matches and greyhound races with Mr. Belcher but had never loaned money to him for betting. Stanley denied lending money to Mr. Gibson or to Mr. Charles Key, Minister of Works or any other Government official. He had sometimes paid Belcher 15 shillings admissions to the greyhound racing and had given him meals.

Stanley declared emphatically that Mr. Belcher had never done anything for anybody in his official capacity. He had always referred the matter to the proper channels at the Board of Trade. He added that he had taken people wanting advice about business matters to see Mr. Belcher and was a frequent visitor himself at the Board of Trade.

"It was an advantage to have easy access to Mr. Belcher and expedite matters that might otherwise be forgotten in the files,"—Reuter.

Berlin Mayor In British Zone

Berlin, December 1.

Dr. Ferdinand Friedensburg, Western-backed Deputy Lord Mayor of Berlin, set up his office temporarily today in the headquarters of the Traffic Section of the City Administration, in the British sector.

In the Eastern sector, Fritz Ebert, chosen as Provisional Lord Mayor yesterday by the Communist-led Councilors, prepared for the first meeting of the pro-Eastern City Administration, set up at the same time.

Guns Were Not Trained On Shore

The Hague, December 2.

Lieutenant Commander Lankester, navigating officer of the British cruiser Mauritius, told the International Court of Justice today that the guns of the squadron passing through the Corfu Straits on October 22, 1946, were all in their normal positions and not trained on the shore.

HMS Mauritius was steaming Northwards from Corfu up the Straits with the two destroyers which were struck by mines with the loss of 44 British sailors killed.

Sir Frank Soskice, British Solicitor-General, told the Court that one of the questions on which the Committee of experts had agreed was the time from daylight and sunset in the Yugoslav port of Sibenik on October 17 and 18, when the Yugoslav emigre and former Lieutenant-Commander, Karl Kovacic, said he saw Yugoslav minelayers being loaded with mines.

Asked whether there had been sufficient time for the two minelayers to load, the Committee of experts said it could have been done easily.—Reuter.

SHIP AGROUND

The Hague, December 1.

A message received tonight by Scheveningen Radio said the 1,017-ton Norwegian steamer, Tungenes, had run aground off Linnely, in Wales.

The vessel's rudder was broken and she required help, the message added. The Tungenes belongs to the Stavanger Steam Shipping Company.—Reuter.

Oil Company Walk-Out

Manila, December 2.

A strike of more than 800 workers of Standard Vacuum and Shell Oil Companies today interrupted the fuel supplies for airlines and other large consumers here.

Authorities feared that unless an early solution is found, a serious shortage of petrol may develop in Manila and in the provinces.

The Standard Vacuum case is pending before a court of industrial relations. The Shell case involving more than 100 clerical employees, is reported due to partial rejection of 14 union demands including closed shop agreements, a Christmas bonus, and a 40 per cent salary increase.

The Under-Secretary of Labour, Jose Figueras, summoned Shell management and strike leaders to a hearing today.—Associated Press.

Rover Scout's Gallantry

Grimsby, December 1.

Rover Scout Leader Lawrence Kelley, aged 31, of the 6th Grimsby Group, Humbershire, has been awarded the Silver Cross for gallantry and presence of mind in rescuing from drowning a child trapped in a perambulator in the River Humber last August.

Although a non-swimmer, Kelley jumped into the river and righted the perambulator which was floating upside down.

When the perambulator sank Kelley dived down and untrapped the child and brought it to the surface. The child recovered.—Reuter.

Russians Making A Mistake

Washington, December 1.

The Acting Secretary of State, Mr. Robert Lovett, warned the Russians today that they were mistaken if they thought the United States could be chased out of Berlin by force.

Mr. Lovett said this country was not going to be intimidated by the Soviet's latest manoeuvre in setting up a separate Communist city government in their sector of Berlin.

To make his point emphatically, he authorized direct quotation of this statement: "If the Soviets feel this action on their part alters our determination not to be driven out of Berlin, by force, they are mistaken."

Mr. Lovett refused to go into the implications of the new Soviet drive in Berlin.

However, other State Department sources made it plain that they thought the manoeuvre made solution of the Berlin question more difficult, if not impossible.—United Press.

Executions "Just Plain Murder"

St. Louis, December 1.

The Star Times today said that the execution of Japanese war leaders would be just plain murder.

The newspaper said the Supreme Court should agree to hear the cases of two Japanese leaders who had appealed against their sentences.

If the use of atomic bombs by the United States against civilians was a wicked deed, they should not now compound their guilt by hanging seven of the Japanese leaders unjustly, it said.

"Legally, these men are not guilty as charged because on December 7, 1941, there was no law, national or international, making the starting of a war illegal."

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Serious Dangers Ahead In Korea

New York, December 2.

A dangerous situation is arising in Korea, the New York Times declared today.

The question is whether the South Korean Government should be recognised by the United Nations as representing all Korea or merely as a sectional authority.

The editorial said the United States is pressing for recognition of the South Korean Government as a National Government and not as a puppet.

"Any other recognition would amount to automatic recognition of the partition of Korea which would not only repudiate the Assembly's resolution but give a semblance of legitimacy to the Russian-created dictatorship in the North."

Pointing out that the Assembly resolution also provided that immediately upon establishment of a National Government the

Government should arrange the complete withdrawal of occupation troops, it possible within 90 days, the editorial said that both President Rhee and the United Nations commission have warned that withdrawal of American troops would immediately precipitate civil war.

"Under these circumstances it must be hoped that the Australian delegation, which insists on restrictive recognition, will review its position in the light of the facts."

"Surely Australia is just as much interested in keeping Korea from becoming another Russian puppet as the United States—and just as obligated to uphold the authority of the United Nations," concluded the editorial.—United Press.



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"YOHOW" Amoy, Shanghai, Yokohama & Kobe 10 a.m. 10th Dec.
"SHENGKING" Shanghai 4 p.m. 10th Dec.
"YUNNAN" Kobe 4 p.m. 13th Dec.
"HEINRICH JESSEN" Singapore & Penang 4 p.m. 16th Dec.
"HUNAN" Incheon, Tientsin & Pusan 4 p.m. 17th Dec.

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"YOHOW" Palembang & S'pore 7th Dec.
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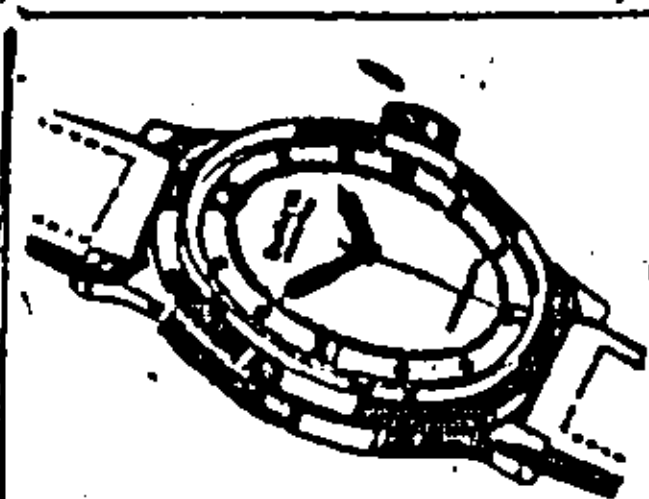
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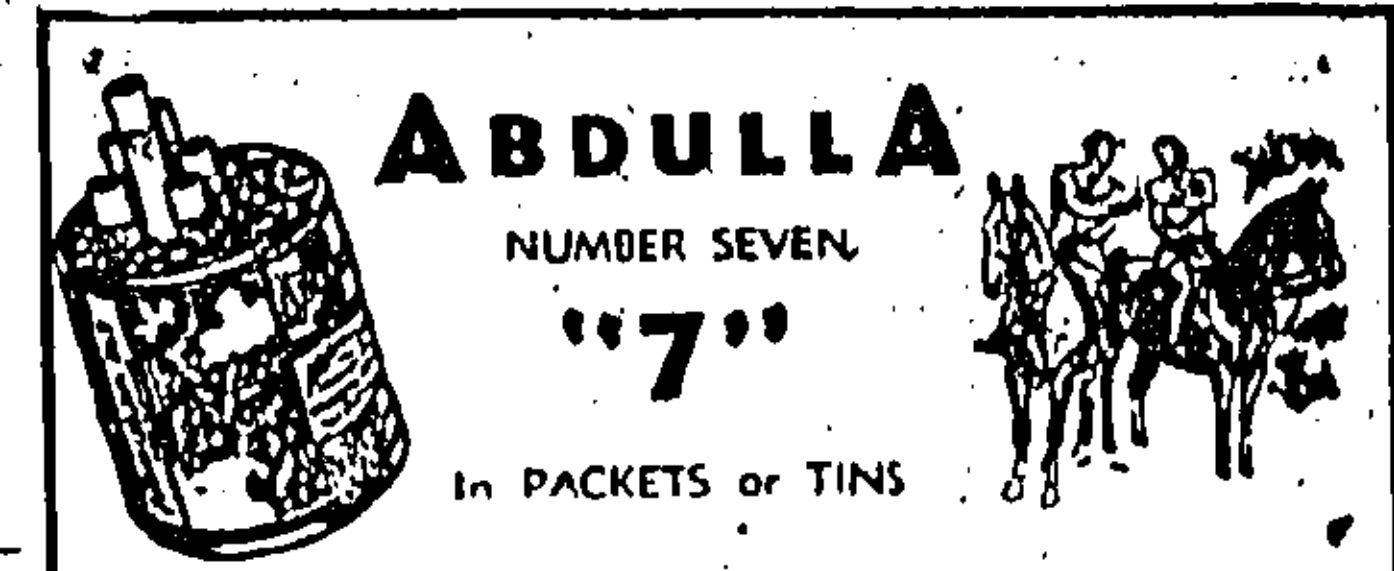


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HONG KONG CHILDREN RECORD
CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FOR BBCEngland Beat
Switzerland

London, December 2.
England beat Switzerland
by six goals to nil at High-
bury Stadium, London, today.
England were leading 3-0
at half time.—Reuter.

Schools'
Athletics

An Inter-School Athletic
Meeting will be held at Caro-
line Hill on Sunday, December
12, when approximately 865
boys and girls from different
schools and colleges in the
Colony will fight for honours.

The preliminary heats will be
held at Caroline Hill on Sunday,
December 5, and Monday, De-
cember 6.

Considerable interest is being
shown by the students in this
Athletic Meeting and although
the majority of them have to
be in school, they are being
trained in the various
track and field events.

The following is the program-
me for December 12—

10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.
Senior Boys: 100 metres dash
(final), 400 metres hurdles (final),
Junior Boys: 100 metres dash
(final), 400 metres hurdles (final),
Middle's Race: 50 metres
dash (final), 100 metres dash
(final), 200 metres dash (final),
Senior Girls: 100 metres dash
(final), 200 metres dash (final),
Junior Girls: 100 metres
dash (final), 200 metres
dash (final).

11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.
Senior Boys: 800 metres (final),
400 metres hurdles (final),
200 metres (final), Middle's
Race: 400 metres relay (final),
Senior Girls: 100 metres dash
(final), Junior Girls: 400 metres
relay (final).

1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m.
Senior Boys: 11 metres hur-
dles (final), Junior Boys: High
Jump (final), 100 metres dash
(final), Middle's Race: 60 metres
dash (final), Senior Girls: Long
Jump (final), Junior Girls: 80
metres hurdle (final), 100 metres
dash (final).

2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.
Senior Girls: 400 metres
(final), Senior Boys: 400 metres
relay (final), Junior Boys: 200
metres dash (final), Middle's Race: 100
metres dash (final).

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Winning entries in the Radio Hong Kong section of
the B.B.C.'s competition for its Welsh Chil-
dren's Hour Christmas Day programme were
recorded on Wednesday and airmailed to Lon-
don yesterday.

Mr. David Keith Hardy, programme director of
Radio Hong Kong, chose two of the large and
well-written number of entries, and amalga-
mated them.

Letters on life in the Colony, they were written by
Diana Chung, aged 15, of the Diocesan Girls'
School, Kowloon, and Lai Kah-wah, aged 16,
of the Ying Wah College, Kowloon.

The recording, which will
also be broadcast from Hong
Kong near Christmas, is as
follows.

Diana Chung:—Dear Friends,
—Greetings from Hong Kong.
Our letter to you has been writ-
ten by me and my friend. My
name is Diana Chung. I am 15
years old, and am at school in
Kowloon in the matriculation
form.

Lai Kah-wah:—First of all, I
must introduce myself. My name
is Lai Kah-wah, and in Chinese
we put our surname first, so my
friends call me Kah-wah, and my
surname is Lai. I am 16 years
old, and I want to be a doctor
when I leave school, and hope
to go to England some day to
study. Now, I'm in Class IV,
which means I shall be taking
Matric in three years' time. But
perhaps some time we may meet
in England.

Diana:—I am very glad to have
a chance of speaking up for
myself and my fellow citizens in
Hong Kong, because the first
letter which my pen friend in
England wrote to me was to ask
whether we lived in houses or
not, and she added that if I did
not understand her letter, I was
to write and ask her about it.
I was never more insulted in my
life, or more surprised when she
asked if we lived in caves and
tree tops and even whether we
wore clothes or not. I consider
myself most civilized, unless
pitching occasionally is con-
sidered primitive.

Kah-wah:—Now that Diana has
told you that we wear clothes
and don't live in tree tops, I
would like to tell you something
about my school. Although it is
an English school, there are 600
Chinese boys in it. It is called
Ying Wah College. Perhaps you
may think that an English school
means a school attended by
English boys, but here it does not
mean that at all.

You must not suppose that in
our school we learn to read and
write English and nothing more.
We have to learn as many sub-
jects as you do in your schools,
and also we have Chinese history

and literature to learn. Everyone
in our school can speak two
languages or more, or at least
that is what the teachers hope.

Many Activities

Diana:—In our school, we have
many activities which make life
all the more interesting. You give
your teachers and classmates
nicknames, so do we. Everybody
takes his nickname quite natu-
rally, because it shows how much
her schoolmates notice or like her.
Every year a prefect's committee
is elected. Our school is very
democratic—everything is done
through student elections.
Teachers supervise us while we
carry out our activities to make
us more sociable and independent
when we go out into the world.

We have inter-school matches,
parties and debates. Classes often
organise picnics, dances and
other entertainments to brighten
up our lives. One of the things
we do is to run a club for poor
children, whose parents cannot
afford to send them to school.

In this club, students volunteer
to teach them to read, write, sing
and play two evenings a week,
but that's enough about school.

Kah-wah:—Hong Kong is an
island which is situated off the
southern coast of China, South of
Canton. A hundred years ago,
Hong Kong was almost uninhab-
ited, except by fierce sea pirates
and some fishermen. Hong Kong
has a beautiful harbour, and many
lovely sandy beaches, which are
splendid for swimming in the
summer. Although Hong Kong
is an island, there is a peninsula
joined to the mainland of
China, which is also part of
the Colony.

In this peninsula across the
harbour from Hong Kong Island
is the quite recently built city of
Kowloon, where both our schools
are. Hong Kong is an excellent
business city, because its fine
harbour is quite sheltered by the
island, and both Kowloon and
city are built on a face each
other across it, and the big ships
which come from foreign coun-
tries tie up alongside her wharves
which run out from the streets
of both cities.

Kowloon is joined by railway
to Canton, so it has been called
the "back door of Canton". In
fact, it is as important to Canton
as Shanghai is to China, and
Liverpool is to England. Hong
Kong is also the most important
industrial region of South China,
for industry requires power to
work its machinery, and some
means of bringing the raw materi-
als to the place where it is to be
manufactured, and of carrying
away the manufactured articles.

Magnificent Sunsets

Diana:—Large, up-to-date fer-
ries run across the harbour every
five or ten minutes. All around
there are very grassy hills, and
from their peaks we can watch
the sunset, which is really beau-
tiful. As the glowing red sun in
the purple-grey sky sinks to-
wards the horizon, the harbour
lights shine out with the stars.
When these coloured lights and
their reflections sparkle in the
dark harbour waters like millions
of precious stones on a piece of
breath-taking night.

The warm thought arises in
our minds when we know that
at this time every member of
each home is getting ready for
dinner, the time for family
reunions after the day's separa-
tions. And what do you think we
have for dinner? Ugh. You would
say almost certainly! Snails,
snakes, cats and dogs' meat and
everything disgusting. Dear
friends, we only eat dogs' and
cats' meat in times of famine
when nothing else can be got for
food.

In fact we eat more pork, beef,
mutton and eggs in one meal than
you do in a week. Food is very
plentiful and tasty around here
because we care for it more than
you do. You should taste our
snails and snakes. I asked one
when I was first offered some,
but when I tasted them, I won-
dered why I had made such a
fuss about it.

They were really good and
tasty. It's just like eating oysters,
only we eat them cooked.

Under British Rule

Kah-wah:—Hong Kong is
governed by the British, as a
Crown Colony, and under Bri-
tish rule has become one of the
most famous open ports in the
world, with beautiful buildings
and wide, high streets.

Diana:—We very often go for
car rides or launch picnics, or

JURY LIST
REVISION

The Registrar of the
Supreme Court is in the
process of compiling com-
pletely revised lists of
Special and Common
Jurors. Jury Return
forms have been sent to
various firms in the
Colony.

All firms, irrespective of
whether or not they con-
sider that they have kept
the Registrar posted with
the movements and
changes in their staff,
should complete and re-
turn the form.

Managers to whom the
form has been addressed
should supply the neces-
sary information about
themselves as well as par-
ticulars of each of their
staff who is eligible for
jury service. Full Chris-
tian names and surnames
must be furnished; initials
alone will not be sufficient.
It is essential that residen-
tial addresses be supplied.

Members of the HKVDC
or HKRNR must not only
supply their full names and
addresses but give their
rank as well.

Any resident of the
Colony not connected with
any firm and who is
eligible for jury service is
required to supply full
Christian names and sur-
names together with ad-
dresses.

In the case of women, it
must be stated whether
they are married or single,
and in the case of expect-
ant or nursing mothers
desiring exemption, ap-
plication should be made
to the Registrar's Secre-
tary, Miss G. Ezra.

Any firm which has not
received a Return form
may apply for a copy from
Miss Ezra.

Failure to supply the
necessary information re-
quested by the Registrar
renders a person liable
upon summary conviction
to a fine not exceeding
\$100.

Should there be no one
at all in any firm eligible
for jury service the form
should be returned with
"Nil Return" marked on it.

Bicycling, and our teachers some-
times organise outdoor painting
classes and botany walks, since
Hong Kong is so full of beautiful
scenery, wild plants, birds, and
flowers.

At school, we play all sorts of
games. Tennis, hockey, basketball
and football are taught in school.
You should just hear us yell at
basketball and football games.

The same phrases you use, or
even swear. Many of us have
pen-friends all over the world
to widen our circle of friends and
our knowledge of life outside
Hong Kong.

Kah-wah:—In addition to our
own Chinese classics, we read
books by Shakespeare, Dickens,
Scott and all the other famous
English authors, which we study
and enjoy. Even boys here know
about Scotland Yard and Sherlock
Holmes from detective novels and
comics. Our kid brothers admire
Tarzan, as much as yours, I'm
sure.

Diana:—At home, we are taught
to respect our elders. It is a pride
to us to have old people sitting
in our homes, and it is a duty
to see that his parents are
satisfied and given what they
want. Children in the home must
show the greatest respect to the
older generation and be polite to
everyone.

Feast Days

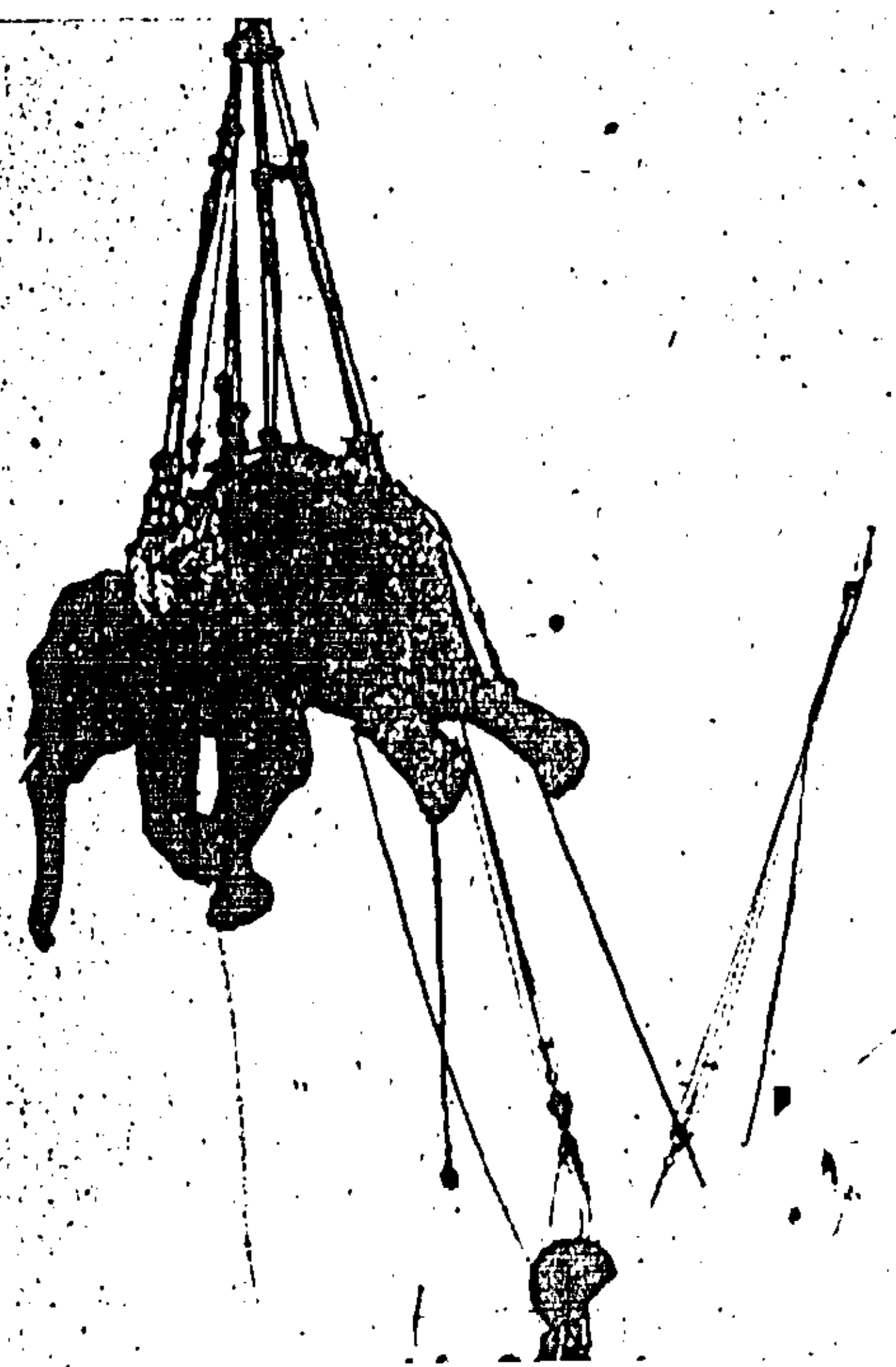
Kah-wah:—Every feast day is
a day on which the whole family
stays at home for dinner and,
usually, many generations are
gathered together to celebrate the
occasion. I expect many of you
friends in England who are lis-
tening at this Christmas time,
are gathered together in the same
way.

Diana:—So, dear friends, now
that you have heard our letters
I hope that your knowledge of
our life has increased.

Kah-wah:—Here's to a very
happy Christmas and a bright
New Year, in which we hope that
we may hear something of your
life in England.

Diana:—Write to us soon and
tell us all about yourselves.

Kah-wah:—With best wishes
from your friends in Hong Kong.
For now, goodbye from Diana
Chung and Lai Kah-wah.



One of the star "artists" of the Kamala Circus being
hailed aboard the Chinese Prince, which is taking the Indian
circus to Manila, where they will perform for about six
months.—("China Mail" Photo).

Tennis Star Asks
For Recognition

Paris, December 1.

German lawn tennis players are planning to ask the
International Lawn Tennis Federation for re-
cognition of a National Federation, Gottfried
von Cramm, Germany's No. 1 lawn tennis
player, told Reuter today.

Swimming
Pool At LRC

One of the few swimming
pools on The Peak, that plan-
ned for the Ladies' Recreation
Club will be finished early
next year—in time for the hot
weather.

Of standard length and width—
75 feet by 30 feet—it will be about
3 ft. 6 in. at one end and graded to
12 ft. at the other. This pool,
which will be just below the club
house, will have a small children's
pool attached and both will be
filled with fresh water from a
nullah.

A filter is being installed and a
re-circulating system will be ad-
ded later. Men's changing rooms
will also be built.

The cost of the pool is expected
to be more than \$100,000.
Its design is in the hands of
Messrs. Leigh and Orange, archi-
tects.

LRC TENNIS

In a Handicap Men's Singles
tennis match at the Ladies' Re-
creation Club yesterday, Dr.
Smart beat Mr. P. Bonnerman
6-0, 6-2.

The following games will be
played today:—
Inter-Hong Handicap Doubles.
Mr. J.B. Hawthorn and Mr. J.
Muckle (Jardine Matheson & Co.)
vs. Mr. P. Bonnerman and Mr.
Beunk (Netherlands-Trade-Soc-
iety).

Handicap Men's Singles
Mr. J. Muckle vs. Mr. A.L.
Smith.

SCHOOLS' SUBSIDY
TO BE RAISED?

An increase in the subsidy to the schools for work-
ers' children opened by The Education Ad-
vancement Society for Workers in Hong Kong
and Kowloon, is being considered by the Direc-
tor of Education.

The subsidy is now \$10,000
to \$15,000 every three months.
The society, whose aim is the
welfare and education of the
workers, was formed by the 30
largest trade unions in Hong Kong
following an appeal two years ago
by the Right Rev. Bishop R.O.
Hall.

Last year, it opened seven
schools for workers' children in
which there were 30 classes and
an enrolment of 1,235 pupils.
Three more schools—the Bukley
Street, Wanchai, Road and Battery
Street—were opened recently.
These brought the total of classes
to 50 and the enrolment to 1,548.

Another new school in Sai
Ying Pin is under registration
and others at Chuen Wan and
Ping Chau are planned.

While much help comes from
sympathisers, the workers are al-
ways the most enthusiastic sup-
porters in every finance campaign,
and another has been started.
During the New Year holidays,
the schools will give a perfor-
mance of Chinese dances, and are
also arranging a fair for the
Chinese New Year.

As soon as \$300,000 has been
raised, the society will build a
new school in Causeway Bay. Its
scheme of developing education
is consistent in principle with that
of the Education Department.

Rugger Tourney
Opens Tomorrow

(By "TOUCH-JUDGE")

The annual Quadrangular Tournament opens to-
morrow on the Army Ground at Sookunpoo,
when two keen games will be played.

Club meet RAF-HK Police
at 3.15 p.m. and at 4.15 p.m.
Army will meet Royal Navy.
RAF-Police have a good, hard
working pack which should give
Club a hard fight, but behind the
scrum there is little doubt that
Club's faster backs will prove
superior, although the spoiling
tactics of the combined team have
been upsetting opposing halves
and backs during their past few
games.

The Club halves will have to
get the ball moving extremely
quickly if they hope to bring
their backs into the game at all.
Evans, RAF fly-half, is per-
haps their most outstanding
player and Club will require to
watch him carefully throughout.
Owing to injuries to Moffat
and Nelson, Club will be slightly
under strength; however, King-
horn has proved to be a very able
hooker, whilst Franklin, if he will
remember to bring his wing man in
after playing his wing man in a
scoring position, should do well.

On Wednesday, De Rone play-
ed his best game of the season
and if he can continue to produce
this form for the Tournament
series, should prove to be the
attacking player Club require on
the left wing.

The Army and Navy teams
have not so far been received.
Army is unlikely to be changed
to any degree, but Navy may
show a number of changes with
the arrival of London at the
departure of Sussex to the North.

Strong Point

Army's strong point is the back
division, which has consistently
been supported by their halves,
Wilson and Roberts. If Navy
intend winning, these two will
have to be bottled up from the
kick off and this should be made
the Navy wing forwards' primary
object.

Navy pack should have the
advantage both in the tight and
loose, much more active than the
Army eight, who have given a
number of disappointing displays
this year.

To win, therefore, Navy's aim
should be to take the ball up the
field and support their forwards,
giving their backs a chance to go
over once they get on to the
Army's line.

If Army can pack tight and
gain possession from the tight
scrums, however, I think they
will win, although it will be a
hard, close game.

The Teams

The following have been select-
ed to represent Army:—
Capt. Banks (Bus), Cpl. Brown
(RAF), 2/Lieut. Pritchett (RAF),
Gunner Wright (RAF), Gunner
Swayne (RAF), Capt. Wilson
(RAF), Major Keyes (RAF), Major Bur-
nett (2/10th Gurkha Rifles),
Lieut. Goss (RAF), 2/Lieut. Gray
(RAF), 2/Lieut. Pappin (RAF),
Gunner Tucker (RAF),
Spankey (RAF) and Capt. Milne
(RAF).

Wimbledon, Paris. Forest
Hulk, the Davis Cup and other
official championships are barred
to us at present.

Von Cramm, who comes from
Hanover, in the British Zone of
occupation, looked fit and little
changed from the man who
stunned in world tennis 10 years
ago. He added that he was still
in good tennis form.—Reuter.

Kingston, Jamaica, December 2.
Truancy marked the turnout of
50,000 persons for an open air
concert there last night by Paul
Robeson, American Negro singer.

One was killed and 25 injured
when a small building overloaded
with spectators collapsed at the
Kingston race course, scene of
the concert.—Associated Press.

Thompson
Beats Biggs

The Golden Gloves Boxing
Tournament at the China Field
Club last night provided only
mediocre entertainment.

Charlie Thompson slugged his
way through to beat Red Biggs
by a T.K.O. in the fourth round
of the six-round main event.

Results:
Seaman Simpson beat AB Rae on
points.
Speedy Morales beat R. Silva on
points.

David Paillet beat A. Tam on
points.
S. Donnelly drew with Gunner
O'Shea.

H.K. Liu and G. Garcia gave an
exhibition fight.
Chamber beat Buck on points.
Bob Pulling beat Watkins on
points.

Charlie Thompson beat Red Biggs
by a T.K.O.

CRICKET TEAMS

The following have been chosen
to represent Craignower Crick-
et Club in a league match, at
home, against Army 1st XI to-
morrow, at 1.45 p.m. sharp:

C.W. Lam, G.A. Souza, G. Hong
Choy, S. Ramchand, T. Crabtree,
P.J. Billimoria, A.H. Ismail, R.
Tay, K.Y. Tam, S. Leonard and
R.O. Baker.

The following have been select-
ed to represent HKCC "Cricket-
pioneers" in a First Division Crick-
et match against IRC at Chater
Road tomorrow:

L.F. Stokes, J.E. Richardson,
T.A. Pearce, O.J. Kerr, H. Owen-
Hughes, J.D. Clague, A. Duffy,
E.F. Gee, A. Graham, K.J. At-
well and A.P. Weil.

CCC Plan
New Club
Premises

That the Club had approach-
ed the PWD for an assurance
of a long lease of the premises,
as they were contemplating
building a new Clubhouse,
was revealed at the annual
meeting of Craignower
Cricket Club yesterday.

The Chairman, Mr. B.W. Brad-
bury, said the new Clubhouse,
which is about a quarter of the
size of the pre-war premises, is
too small.

It was their desire to expand to
at least the pre-war space.

Mr. Bradbury mentioned that
the Club now has nearly 300
members, and new members are
joining regularly.

Messrs. U.R. Omar, A.E. Coates
and L.C.R. Souza were elected
Life Members.

Mr. B.W. Bradbury was re-
elected Chairman, and Dr. C.W.
Lam Vice-Chairman.

Messrs. L.C.R. Souza and A.E.
Coates were re-elected Secretary
and Treasurer.

Members elected
were: Dr. Karanja, G. A. Souza,
Lat Shu-ming, S.R. Solina, J.W.
Leonard, R.O. Baker, E.H. Castro
and S. Ramchand.

Badminton
Results

Seven matches in the Men's
"B" Division League were
played last Wednesday with
the following results:

Kowloon Dock lost to St. John's
1-2.
M. Kempton and W. Gaffney
lost to D. Kwok and E. Yau-
whitely 2-1, beat F. Kwok and
S. Fowler 2-0.

A. E. Elliot and G. Blenkinsop
lost to D. Kwok and E. Yau-
whitely 2-1, beat R. Thomson and
N. Whitley 2-0.

Whitley 2-1, lost to F. Kwok and
S. Fowler 2-0.
E. Courtney and M. McKay
lost to D. Kwok and E. Yau-
whitely 2-1, lost to F. Kwok and
S. Fowler 2-0.

Chinese YMCA beat Chung
Wah 2-1.
D. C. Lau and W. N. Chung
beat F. F. Chiu and Austin Ho
2-1, beat Leo Leong and K. C.
Wong 2-1, beat C. F. Chiu and
K. Y. Tso 2-1.

K. F. Chiu and H. Koh lost to
Leo Leong and K. C. Wong
2-1, beat C. F. Chiu and K. Y.
Tso 2-1.

C. Y. Yung and K. F. Chong
beat F. F. Chiu and Austin Ho
2-1, beat Leo Leong and K. C.
Wong 2-1, beat C. F. Chiu and
K. Y. Tso 2-1.

St. Teresa's beat KCC 2-1.
A. J. Gonzales and M. Verley-
se beat F. F. Chiu and Austin Ho
2-1, beat F. Brockbank and
H. Riddell 2-1, beat T. A.
Baker and A. Zimmermann 2-1.

A. D. Brown and J. A. Soares
beat J. K. Thong and K. S. Thong
2-1, lost to F. Brockbank and
H. Riddell 2-1, beat T. A.
Baker and A. Zimmermann 2-1.

F. A. Vieira and R. M. Soares
beat J. K. Thong and K. S. Thong
2-1, lost to F. Brockbank and
H. Riddell 2-1, beat T. A.
Baker and A. Zimmermann 2-1.

VRC "B" beat St. John's "B"
2-0.
G. Pereira and I. Erickson beat
P. Calderara and A. Hoser 2-0,
beat A. J. Stephen and S. Cradd
2-1, beat H. Hoff and S